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Israelis, Nigerian in U.K. court remand

By HYAM CORNEY
Jerusalem Post Correspondent
LONDON. — The three Israelis and the Nigerian diplomat accused of kidnapping former Nigerian minister Umaru Dikko were remanded into custody until next Thursday when they appeared at Lambeth Magistrates Court yesterday.

Bail was opposed by the police on the grounds that there was a "serious risk" that all four would fail to appear for the trial, as they had no ties here.

The Israelis — Dr. Lev Arye Shapiro, Alexander Barak and Felix Aboutbul — did not speak during the preliminary hearing, which lasted barely four minutes. The Nigerian asked for legal aid, saying that he would prefer a Nigerian solicitor.

When the case comes for trial, probably at the Old Bailey, the Israelis will be represented by Britain's number-one criminal lawyer, Sir David Napley. Ori Slonim, the Israeli lawyer who has been working for Shapiro and Barak and who was in court yesterday, said afterwards that "the families" would pay for the defence costs, which will run into several thousand pounds.

The four are being held in connection with the kidnapping of the former Nigerian transport minister, who was found dragged and packed in a crate in London last Thursday just before a flight to Nigeria. The suspects face prison terms of up to seven years.

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Security outside and inside the tiny South London court was tight. A police helicopter hovered overhead, police dogs and several uniformed officers patrolled outside, and everyone who entered was subjected to a thorough search.

As the defendants walked into court, Shapiro looked sullen. Barak and Aboutbul looked relaxed. Barak smiled as he came in and blew a kiss to relatives and friends huddled together at the back of the court. Aboutbul's two sisters were there. One, who owns a shop in Nice, was in tears.

Slonim, who is to return to Israel tomorrow, said that he would probably not be coming back for the other hearings. He also said that Ya'acov Perry, consul at the Israeli Embassy in London, visited the three at Paddington Green police station on Tuesday, the first contact between them and the embassy.

The police are understood to be looking for four other persons, though there was no clue as to their nationality.

One British paper yesterday hinted for the first time at American involvement in the "Dikko affair." The Sun said that the plot was masterminded with the help of private investigators in New York who arranged for Dikko to be watched in London. British intelligence was trying to find out if the CIA was part of the plot, The Sun reported.

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French Foreign Minister Claude Cheysson (left) chats with Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir before a working dinner yesterday at the King David Hotel in Jerusalem. In the centre background is Foreign Ministry Director-General David Kimche. (Scoop 80)

France wants greater role in Middle East, Cheysson says

Jerusalem Post Staff

French Foreign Minister Claude Cheysson told Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir last night that France does not favour peace initiatives from outside the Middle East.

At a working dinner at Jerusalem's King David Hotel, Cheysson, here on a two-day visit, said France did wish to play a role in the region, however.

He said his visit to Israel was a gesture of friendship and was timed to provide a balance with French President Francois Mitterrand's trips to Egypt and Jordan this week. (See item, page 2.)

Cheysson reported that Jordan is worried by the present situation in the Middle East, but he said that France saw the region as relatively secure, with the exception of the Iran-Iraq conflict. Cheysson made no mention of the proposal for an international conference on the area raised by Mitterrand and King Hussein.

Shamir asked Cheysson for a report on Mitterrand's impressions of his recent visit to Moscow. Cheysson said Mitterrand had found the Soviet Union ideologically stale, with a policy that had been immobile from (Continued on Page 2, Col. 1)

Two ferry passengers go home to Lebanon

Jerusalem Post Staff

Two of the passengers held for nearly two weeks since a Cyprus-Lebanon ferry was forced into Haifa port were released yesterday, and they crossed into Lebanon.

The two persons still held, a brother and sister of Palestinian origin who lived in Lebanon, are suspected of planning a terror attack from the sea, according to official sources in Jerusalem. The capture of the pair, they said, prevented a major "demonstrative" hit.

Last week, five other passengers taken off the ferry, the Alisur Blanco, were released, several days after it was intercepted by Israeli gunboats and taken to Haifa. After a brief interrogation, the 21 crew members and 54 other passengers were allowed to continue their voyage.

Responding to Lebanese government charges that the seizure was "piracy," OC Navy Aluf Ze'ev Almog said Israel acted in self-defence. He noted that such a ship was used in 1978 to land terrorists who seized buses on the Coast Road in an attack that resulted in 35 deaths.

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Histadrut concessions bring end to strike Engineers win battle on autonomy, more pay

By ROY ISACOWITZ
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The nine-day-old strike of 60,000 engineers and university graduates employed in the public sector was called off yesterday after the Finance Ministry and the Histadrut agreed to the strikers' demand for a new wage scale.

The decision to end the strike was taken yesterday by the national conventions of the Engineers Union and the Union of University Graduates in the Humanities and Social Sciences.

The engineers also decided to postpone for 100 days a decision on their threat to quit the Histadrut. During that time, they intend to clarify certain points in the agreement arrived at with the labour federation earlier yesterday.

The engineers and graduates had earlier threatened to quit the Histadrut, due to its opposition to their demand for a new wage scale based on their educational achievements and "special contribution." After all-night negotiations, which ended early yesterday morning, the engineers and the Histadrut's Trade Union Department came to an agreement that allows the engineers wide autonomy in the federation.

The agreement will give the engineers quasi-independent status within the Histadrut, similar to that

of the teachers. They will have the right to negotiate wage agreements directly with their employers and to allocate their budget independently.

Engineers' representatives will meet tomorrow with Finance Ministry director-general Nissim Baruch and Histadrut Trade Union Department chairman Haim Haberfeld to discuss their demand for a new wage scale. Engineer sources said yesterday that Baruch has agreed in principle.

It was not clear whether the Histadrut's agreement with the engineers applies to the graduates as well. On paper, the accord refers only to the engineers. But Histadrut Secretary-General Yisrael Kessar, who participated in Tuesday night's arduous negotiations, said yesterday that if the agreement is approved by the labour federation's central committee at its weekly meeting next Sunday, it will apply to both unions.

Graduates Union secretary Ya'acov Unikowski said yesterday that it was his understanding that the graduates are to be included in the agreement, and engineers secretary Yitzhak Raz promised that the engineers will stand by the graduates.

The agreement represents a clear concession by the Histadrut, which had previously said that acceptance of the engineers' demand would lead to the collapse of the federation. Histadrut sources said it was compelled to buck down after it became

clear that the engineers were serious about their threat to quit.

Haberfeld said yesterday that the agreement conforms with the Histadrut's "basic view" that its structure should be decentralized, with individual unions given wider freedom of action. The agreement is not only good for the engineers, Haberfeld said: its principles apply to all unions.

Histadrut legal counsel Oded Calamuro added that the agreement does not contravene the federation's regulations. He said that it simply "reinforces" an autonomy agreement signed with the engineers in 1976, and he has advised Kessar to offer the same terms to all other national unions.

But the agreement is bound to lead to further disunity in the Histadrut. The essence of the engineers' demand is that their academic background entitles them to a different status from that enjoyed by less-skilled workers. But Zaiman Shenkman, secretary of the Technicians Union, which is locked in a long-running feud with the engineers, has already announced that he will demand application of the agreement to his union.

That, in turn, is bound to lead to further demands from the engineers. Some observers predicted yesterday that the decentralization will go far further than the limits envisaged by Haberfeld.

Bosses up offer, but unions insist on more

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Histadrut Trade Union Department chairman Haim Haberfeld yesterday warned of industrial unrest if a work agreement with the private employers is not signed by the end of this week.

Failure to sign an agreement will mean that each union will have to negotiate independently with the employers, Haberfeld added.

Last night's negotiating session between the Histadrut and the Coordinating Bureau of Economic Organizations, representing the private employers adjourned after the union rejected an employers' offer of a 9.5 per cent annualized wage increase.

The employers' negotiating team requested the adjournment to hold

further consultations, and Haberfeld said that he expected to hear their answer by midnight.

A further session is expected to be held tomorrow.

The employers offered to pay a 7 per cent hike at the beginning of next month, a further 5 per cent in October and another 4 per cent in January, which would cost them 9.5 per cent more than under the present wages averaged over the 12 months beginning last April 1.

The unions are demanding the same increase as that granted to the public-sector workers last month: 10 per cent next month, a further 6 per cent within a month or two, plus a margin of 8 per cent for plant-level negotiations.

The employers' proposal was a

significant improvement on their original offer of 5 per cent, which was rejected by the unions at the previous session last Monday. The employers sources said yesterday that they view the increase granted to public sector workers as being far in excess of what is necessary to guarantee the real value of wages. According to the employers' estimates, wage erosion has been minimal since the new cost-of-living agreement went into effect two months ago.

But union leaders reiterated yesterday that they will insist on receiving the full increase awarded in the public sector. The Metalworkers Union has threatened to strike 10 factories if an agreement is not signed this week.

Trade deficit down 23% in January-June

By AVI TEMKIN
Post Economic Reporter

Israel's trade deficit rose by 40 per cent in April-June compared with January-March, but the deficit for the first half of the year was 23 per cent less than in January-June 1983, according to figures released yesterday by the Central Bureau of Statistics.

CBS officials attributed the 40 per cent increase to seasonal factors. Once these are discounted, they said, the trade deficit actually registered only a slight decrease.

CBS figures released yesterday showed the excess of imports over exports in April-June totalled \$757 million, compared with \$533m. the previous quarter.

Last month's deficit was \$238m., down \$6m. from June 1983. Imports in April-June totalled \$2.1 billion, as they did in January-March, but exports last quarter fell by 18 per cent.

Three die in road accidents

Three persons were killed and seven injured in road accidents in the past 36 hours.

Two persons were killed and two injured in an accident yesterday near Moshav Harnam in the Jordan Rift.

The accident occurred when a truck pulling a trailer collided with a car. The car was crushed beneath the trailer.

The injured were taken to hospital. The names of the dead will be released after next of kin have been informed.

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Beirut Shi'ites bomb Libyan embassy

BEIRUT (AP). — A radical Shi'ite Moslem group stepped up its war against Libyan diplomats in Beirut by dynamiting the Libyan Embassy just hours before a scheduled visit by the Libyan foreign minister yesterday.

There were no casualties in the pre-dawn assault by masked gunmen who overpowered the embassy's guards, evacuated the building and set off a bomb that caused major damage.

A group calling itself the "Sadr Brigades" claimed responsibility for the bombing, demanding the "immediate release" of Imam Moussa Sadr, spiritual leader of Lebanon's one million Shi'ite Moslems. Sadr disappeared during an August 1978 trip to Libya.

Meanwhile, the Lebanese government met yesterday at the presidential palace in Baabda and formed two committees to determine the fate of civil war kidnap victims and to prepare a general plan "for the liberation of Southern Lebanon."

An official statement said the cabinet had set up a committee of

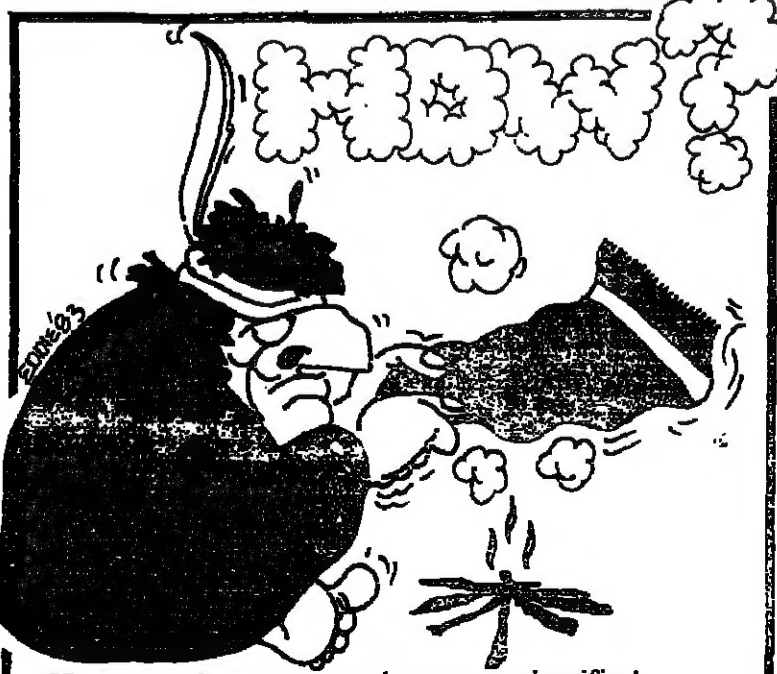
army and police officers headed by retired Beirut Police chief Col. Hisham Koreitem to determine the fate of the hostages and to arrange the release of survivors.

Despite agreement of all warring militias to turn over control of Beirut to the Lebanese Army, police sources said yesterday Christian gunmen had kidnapped five passengers from a ferry as they disembarked at Beirut port.

The sources said the abduction occurred on Tuesday, shortly after the Lebanese-owned ferry Alisur Blanco docked at the newly reactivated port from Larnaca, Cyprus.

The armed kidnappers drove past army checkpoints from the Christian edge of the port, seized the five passengers as they came ashore and sped back in the same direction in two cars, the sources said, requesting not to be named. The passengers were not identified.

The Alisur Blanco was intercepted by Israeli gunboats during a Larnaca-Beirut voyage two weeks ago. Israel is still holding four passengers in custody.



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Alignment leader Shimon Peres (centre) draws press and protesters during his visit to Efrata and Ales Shvati in Gush Etzion yesterday. Story on page 2. (Yitzhak Harari)

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| AMSTERDAM | 14 | 22 | Cloudy |
| BREITENBURG | 14 | 22 | Cloudy |
| FRANKFURT | 14 | 22 | Cloudy |
| GENEVA | 14 | 22 | Cloudy |
| HELSINKI | 14 | 22 | Cloudy |
| LONDON | 14 | 22 | Cloudy |
| MUNICH | 14 | 22 | Cloudy |
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| Shimon | 45 | 16-27 | 24 |
| Tel Aviv | 45 | 16-27 | 24 |
| B-C Airport | 45 | 16-27 | 24 |
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| Gaza | 45 | 16-27 | 24 |
| Be'er Sheva | 45 | 16-27 | 24 |
| Eilat | 45 | 16-27 | 24 |

SOCIAL & PERSONAL

Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir yesterday received U.S. nuclear scientist Professor Edward Teller, known as "the father of the hydrogen bomb." Teller, who is attending the World Conference of Hungarian Jews, of which he is chairman, was accompanied by Science and Development Minister Yuval Ne'eman.

The chairman of the committee on European non-member countries in the European Parliament, Kurt Hugosson of Sweden, met yesterday with Central Elections Committee chairman Justice Gavriel Bach and Knesset Members Dov Ben-Meir, Micha Harish, Yosef Rom, Uzi Baran, Dov Zakim and Shlomo Hill-

Advertisers Association of Israel chairman Binyamin Gaon was elected vice-president of the International Union of Advertisers Associations at the group's recent convention in Rio de Janeiro.

ARRIVALS

Dr. Harold Jacobs, President International Council of Young Israel; Trustee, Board of Higher Education, New York.

1st Arab district judge dies in Nazareth at 75

NAZARETH (Itim). - Mohammed Nimr Hawari, the first Arab to be a district court judge in Israel, died here yesterday, aged 75. The funeral will take place today at 4 p.m. in Nazareth.

Hawari was one of the country's most prominent Palestinian leaders during the British mandate. In 1948, he left for Lebanon when Israeli forces took Nazareth, and then spent almost 15 years in Syria, Egypt and Lebanon, trying all the while to secure permission to return home.

Finally permitted to come back, he abandoned political activity, and in 1968 was appointed to the bench. He served 10 years before retiring.

CHEYSSON

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Brezhnev, through Andropov, to Chernenko.

The Soviet Union, Cheysson told Shamir, does have a considerable interest in the Middle East, and is aiming to increase its role in the area. Cheysson cited the Soviet Union's sale of arms to Iraq and its restoration of diplomatic relations with Egypt as proof of the Soviet desire for greater involvement.

Cheysson said Mitterrand expressed French concern over human rights in the Soviet Union, mentioning both Andrei Sakharov and Anatoly Shcharansky to the Soviets.

Cheysson later discussed Spain's entry into the European Community with Foreign Ministry Director-General David Kimche, who had met him earlier yesterday at Ben-Gurion Airport.

At the airport, Kimche noted that Israel had followed "with great interest" Mitterrand's visit to Egypt and Jordan.

"Israel's policy is to deepen ties with friendly countries. We believe the best way to achieve peace in the region is through direct negotiations with our neighbours, in the framework of bilateral relations," Kimche said.

Kimche expressed the hope that the Cheysson talks here will be "fruitful and productive."

This morning Cheysson is scheduled to meet with Alignment leader Shimon Peres before flying to Damascus.

HOME NEWS

ELECTIONS

Shas gets overflow crowd at Binyenei Ha'uma rally

By HAIM SHAPIRO
Jerusalem Post Reporter

An overflow crowd jammed Jerusalem's Binyenei Ha'uma last night for a central election rally of Shas, the Sephardi Torah Guardians.

The party, barely organized for the Knesset election before the deadline for submitting lists of Knesset candidates, because of its determination to obtain rabbinical approval, seemed to be going strong. Last night there were participants from Ashdod, Tiberias and Rosh Ha'ayin, as well as its traditional strongholds, Jerusalem and Bnei Brak, where it elected local councilors in last October's municipal elections.

Party coordinator Rabbi Shimon Ben Haim told the gathering that

when he came to Israel from Morocco and asked Youth Aliya to send him to a yeshiva, he was told he should go to a kibbutz "to obtain culture."

He declared: "We Jews of the East, who came to the Holy Land of Israel to observe the Torah... Is this the way we look now?" he said.

The assembly included a large number of the black-coated yeshiva students who make up the party's activists. But there were also large numbers of working people and at least some who appeared to be the reformed delinquents Shas claims to be in its ranks. Among the few dozen rabbis seated on the podium was former Sephardi Chief Rabbi Ovadia Yosef, who was greeted with a standing ovation and a Hassidic tune.

Verdiger 'insulted' by non-Zionist label

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Poalei Agudat Yisrael leader Avraham Verdiger, who is Number 2 on the Morasha list, said yesterday that he is insulted by the repeated charge of National Religious Party leaders that he is a "non-Zionist."

Specifically, he was reacting to Tuesday's jibe by NRP information headquarters that a surplus votes agreement with Morasha, which the NRP rejected, might have put the "non-Zionist Verdiger" into the Knesset.

PAY spokesman Yitzhak Hildesheimer retorted that it would be just as reasonable to say that such an agreement might have elected the NRP's Number 3 candidate Prof. Avner Sciaki.

Verdiger says that on the day before the deadline for submitting party lists, Ze'evun Hammer telephoned him at 8:15 a.m. "Hammer practically begged me to agree that PAY's agreement on a joint list with MK Rabbi Haim Druckman's Matzad party be expanded to include the NRP youth faction. If I was a good enough Zionist for Hammer then, what has happened since?" Verdiger asked.

He added that from the time of late NRP leader Haim Moshe Shapiro, NRP leaders, including Yosef Burg, Hammer and Rafael Ben-Natan, all tried to persuade PAY to join them "about once every six months."

Hint of amnesty for Jewish terror suspects

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Interior Minister Yosef Burg, who is responsible for the National Police, has hinted that an amnesty may be granted to those involved in the alleged Jewish terrorist underground now in the Tel Mond lockup awaiting trial. Burg was speaking to the conference of the Rabbinical Council of America at the Larmore Hotel in Jerusalem.

Science and Development Minis-

ter Yuval Ne'eman visited the detainees on Tuesday and told them that he did not consider them a terrorist organization, but "at most an unauthorized self-defence organization."

Ne'eman went so far as to offer the organization's alleged leader, Menahem Livni, the position of director-general if Ne'eman is appointed housing and construction minister in the next government.

Big demand for flights on and after July 23

By JOSHUA BRILLIANT
Post Aviation Reporter

TEL AVIV. - Many Israelis who have gone abroad are returning to vote, while others planning vacations abroad have delayed them until after July 23, several airline officials have reported.

The demand for tickets on election day and immediately after it has been so great that El Al and Arkia

have added flights. "An airline capable of doubling the number of its flights on July 23 will easily fill the planes," said Sasha Dafna, Arkia's marketing director.

Maor reports a "similar phenomenon."

Responding to passenger demand, Arkia has postponed by two hours its first flight on election day to enable passengers to vote first.

Yael and Yosef Rom still working for Likud

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. - Yael Rom, who defied the Likud ticket in an independent run for mayor last October, and her husband, Knesset Member Yosef Rom, who is not in the new list, are "both active in the Likud campaign," though not in Haifa, Mrs. Rom told *The Jerusalem Post* yesterday.

She was reacting to a *Post* interview with the chairman of the Haifa

Likud election headquarters. MK Meir Cohen-Avidon, who said that neither Rom had been enlisted for the campaign.

She said that she and her husband both are appearing for the Likud every day all over the country, at the direction of the central Likud campaign headquarters. In addition, she had helped write the women's plank for the party platform and served on the women's division of the campaign, she said.

Kach telecast censored

Parts of the Kach list's election broadcasts were censored yesterday by Central Elections Committee chairman Justice Gavriel Bach, who ruled that the topics being discussed by Kach leader Meir Kahane were sub judice.

The censored sections apparently referred to the Jewish underground.

No mass Alignment rally

TEL AVIV. - The Alignment election headquarters has decided not to hold a national rally to culminate its election campaign. Instead, it will organize local rallies throughout the country on election eve.

Baruch defends acceptance of money in Rascos sale

By AVI TEMKIN
Post Economic Reporter

Finance Ministry director-general Nissim Baruch yesterday gave his version of the circumstances surrounding his receipt of a \$50,000 payment from the company that bought the Jewish Agency-owned Rascos building company that Baruch ran.

Reacting to an article in yesterday's *Yediot Aharonot*, Baruch said on Kol Yisrael that the payment was part of an agreement between the purchasing company, Maba, and himself, under which he would stay on at Rascos as managing director.

Baruch said that such a deal was not unusual. Originally, he said, he was to receive shares in Rascos and to stay on. But this plan failed to materialize, so he accepted the cash payment instead.

There was nothing underhanded about the transaction, he said.

In addition to the \$50,000, Baruch also received a \$15,000 bonus from the Jewish Agency for his part in arranging the sale of Rascos. The Jewish Agency spokesman told *The Jerusalem Post* yesterday that the bonus payment, confirming Baruch's assertion that he had not requested such a payment.

The spokesman said that two months before the sale, the Agency had received an offer of \$8 million for Rascos, but that this fell through. Then Baruch arranged for Maba to buy Rascos for \$10m., so the Agency heads felt a bonus was in order.

The spokesman knew nothing of the \$50,000 payment made by Maba, but said that it was none of the Agency's business since Rascos was no longer its concern.

Sources close to Baruch said yesterday he is considering suing Israel Television over a news item broadcast concerning the \$15,000 payment.

The Finance Minister announced yesterday that Minister Yigal Cohen-Orad has complete confidence in Baruch.

One-day strike today at Dimona nuclear plant

BEERSHEBA (Itim). - Workers at the nuclear-research facility in Dimona will stage a one-day warning strike today to press their demands for higher pay. The facility will operate on a Shabbat basis.

The works committee says that only some of the workers have received pay increases, which they demand be extended to all employees.

EYE-WITNESS



Alignment leaders and Jerusalem neighbourhood activists join in a multiple handshake at an Alignment rally in Katamon Het yesterday. From left: Knesset Member Ya'acov Gil, Ohallim leader Yamin Suissa, former Sheli MK and Black Panther Sa'adia Marciano, Shahak leader and Municipal Councillor Dede Ben-Shitrit, Tel Aviv University Prof. Shlomo Ben-Ami, actor Misha Asheroff and MK Rafi Edri. The banner behind them reads: "Katamon Het is giving the Alignment a chance." (Dan Landau).

Peres: 'Etzion Bloc is part of Israel'

By MICHAEL EILAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

GUSH ETZION. - Shimon Peres came here yesterday to show the flag and tell local residents that he and the Labour Party regard this area as "part of the state of Israel."

About 30 Tehiya and Kach activists based in from Kiryat Arba tried to mar Peres's visit with loud heckling, which at one stage degenerated into a violent scuffle. Peres did not seem perturbed, and Efrata leaders later apologized profusely for what they called "that imported element."

"It's important that you know and people in other parts of Israel know that we regard Gush Etzion as part of the state of Israel," Peres told residents of Efrata Town invited to a meeting with the Labour leader in the Shevit Israel hesder yeshiva.

Peres seemed to make a good impression on the Efrata settlers, even though many said they profoundly disagreed with him and would not vote Alignment. Most of the questions were serious, and there appeared to be a genuine dialogue between people of differing views.

'Yellow gauntlet' blocks Rubinstein speech

By ROBERT ROSENBERG
Jerusalem Post Reporter

PETAH TIKVA. - Citizens who wished to see Shinui Knesset Member Amnon Rubinstein during his election campaign visit here on the new promenade in downtown Petah Tikva had to brave a virtual verbal gauntlet of Rabbi Meir Kahane's yellow-shirted Kach Movement supporters.

With a ready smile and a handshake for those who could reach him with an encouraging word, the Shinui leader made his way through a crowd that hurled epithets, curses and promises to "wipe out the left-

ists."

The 10 hysterical Kahane youths were joined in their chanting and cursing by about 30 others who wore Tehiya or Likud buttons and T-shirts. Observers feared that violence would break out at any moment during Rubinstein's half-hour visit on the street. No violence did ensue, but the MK was prevented from giving a prepared speech.

Later, behind the barricaded doors of Shinui's offices just off the promenade, Rubinstein denounced Kahane's "racism," which he linked to "chiefs of staff who describe Arabs as cockroaches, ministers of science who talk about positive terror, and prime ministers who talk about amnesty for people charged with political assassination."

He warned that Israel's credibility in the world as it opposes "neo-Nazis in West Germany and in Skokie, Illinois will be ruined if racist invective is freely heard from the Knesset podium."

Referring to his half-hour walk through Petah Tikva, he said some people "who no longer have 'Begin, Begin, Begin' now cry 'Arik, Arik' and 'Kahane, Kahane.'"

Before the promenade walk, Rubinstein conferred with Mayor Dov Tavori. The local Labour-Shinui coalition has enabled Tavori to permit a cinema to operate here on Shabbat Eve, and the two men compared notes on the threats that their liberal positions have brought them.

During Rubinstein's public appearance, chants included "Rubinstein go home" and "Arik, King of Israel." A bearded man in a gray skullcap led the Kahane group.

But even as the yellowshirts screamed, people approached the MK, pressing his hands and offering him words of encouragement. An elderly lady applauded him, and spat on the ground as the yellowshirts passed.

"I've seen these types before," she said in a Central European accent to a friend on the stone bench. Rubinstein kept smiling and walking. Later, however, he did express regret that the Kahane youths had prevented him from making a short speech from an improvised stage his local activists had prepared.

Nelson is a veteran Eilat entrepreneur.

Mitterrand leaves Mideast after talks with Mubarak

CAIRO (AP). - French President Francois Mitterrand ended his three-day "fact-finding" visit to the Middle East, departing yesterday for home after a three-hour stopover and talks with President Hosni Mubarak.

The two presidents, in brief statements to reporters, gave few details of their talks, which were held at Cairo International Airport. Egyptian sources said the talks centred on the Iran-Iraq war, the situation in the Middle East and bilateral affairs.

"I was happy to stop here in Cairo on the way home," said Mitterrand, who flew here from two days of talks in Amman.

"I was able to discuss with President Mubarak issues around the Middle East and the balance of power in the Middle East and of course bilateral relations between Egypt and France."

Newspapers in both Egypt and Jordan, where Mitterrand conferred in three private sessions with King Hussein, hailed the visit as a sign of a greater European role in reviving the Middle East peace process.

In Amman, French and Jordanian sources said the main outcome of Mitterrand's talks there was an agreement for the two countries to support Hussein's call for a UN conference on the Middle East bringing together the U.S., the Soviet Union, Israel, the PLO and other parties.

At a press conference Tuesday in Amman, both Hussein and Mitterrand endorsed the conference call. The Jordanian monarch described it as "the only option left."

Mitterrand said France "hopes to see all parties concerned with the Middle East problem grouped into one meeting." The U.S. and Israel have rejected the conference proposal.

Israel has refused to negotiate with the PLO and the U.S. fears the conference would enhance the role of the Soviet Union in the region.

After Mitterrand's departure, Mubarak was asked by reporters whether he considered the idea of a regional conference to be the best or only alternative for progress toward a settlement.

"We can consider it one of the alternatives, but for us to join an international conference would need the approval of all the parties concerned," he replied.

Hecklers are carted out of Rabin rally in north

By DAVID LANDAU
Jerusalem Post Reporter

KIRYAT SHMONA. - Yitzhak Rabin faced one of the stormiest election meetings of this campaign so far when he harangued hundreds of local residents in a cinema hall last night against a constant cacophony of shouts and whistles.

Almost all the hecklers were not yet into their teens. They turned out in force at the Labour rally after a Likud meeting in the town square was cancelled due to the indisposition of both keynote speakers. Justice Minister Moshe Nissim and Deputy Housing Minister Moshe Katzav.

Violence also erupted at an Alignment meeting addressed by Labour Party chairman Shimon Peres last night in Ramat Hasharon. Kol Yisrael radio reported at midnight. Several dozen Likud supporters with anti-Peres placards chanted, "Begin, Begin!"

When a group of Alignment supporters tried to get the picketers to move, a fight broke out. The police and Border Police intervened, and one Alignment man was reportedly hurt.

Rabin, confronted with orchestrated heckling right at the outset of his speech, shouted back that "until the present moment this campaign, unlike 1981, has been characterized by maturity and seriousness on the part of the public. Let us not forget that on July 24 we must be one nation, united and cohesive."

This exhortation had no effect whatever on the ranks of young Likud supporters at the back of the hall, who continued to chant "Begin, Begin" and to sing "David (Levi), King of Israel" every time Rabin stopped for a breath.

They were particularly incensed by Rabin's attempt to distinguish between the original Peace for Galilee operation, and the subsequent "delusive" extension of the war.

What did eventually impress the young hecklers was a determined show of strength by the Police and Border Police, who began systematically removing Likud placards and escorting the more vociferous disrupters out of the hall. The altercations continued, however, in the foyer until some half-dozen youngsters were loaded into paddy wagons and removed to the police station for questioning.

Rabin soldiered on throughout these proceedings fortified by the enthusiastic applause and placard-waving by Labour supporters who filled the front part of the hall.

Having completed his standard 40-minute campaign address, Rabin rose for an immediate rendering of *Hodvka* and was whisked to his car escorted by phalanxes of security men.

Earlier in the day, Rabin toured the commercial centre talking to shop assistants and passers-by and attracting moderate interest.

One long-time Kiryat Shmona resident, a Labour sympathizer, said last night that all-in-all Rabin had been well-received. Even the hecklers had heckled with restraint, she said.

Egyptians fire on Rafi Nelson's boat

EILAT (Itim). - Egyptian soldiers stationed on the western Sinai shore directed light-arms fire at Rafi Nelson's boat over the weekend, but no one on the 37-ton Nelsonika was wounded.

The Nelsonika was seeking refuge from a fierce storm in the Gulf of Suez on Saturday night and tried to enter an inlet called Ras Kanis, about 50 nautical miles south of the Alma oilfields at A-Tur. After coming under several bursts of machine gun fire from the shore, the boat changed course and sailed into the gulf, dropping anchor at A-Tur.

In a wireless conversation with an Israeli tanker that regularly plies the route between Eilat and Egypt, Captain Philip Elron heard the story and then telephoned Eilat to report that all aboard the Nelsonika were in good condition.

Nelson is a veteran Eilat entrepreneur.

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Avrushmi trial ends with defence's case

Advocate Itamar Hacohen yesterday described his client, Yona Avrushmi, on trial for murder in the Jerusalem District Court, as a police "scapegoat."

Avrushmi is charged with the murder of Peace Now demonstrator Emil Grunzweig and with wounding 10 others at the scene when he threw a hand grenade at a group of demonstrators outside the Prime Ministers Office on February 10, 1983.

In the summation for the defence on the last day of the trial, Hacohen argued that the police and General Security Service were under tremendous pressure to come up with a suspect and "steamrolled" Avrushmi into making half-hearted confessions.

Judges Elihu Noam, Yaacov Bazak and Zvi Tal said they would hand down judgement at a later date.

Hacohen said that Avrushmi should be cleared and, alternatively, if found guilty, then of manslaughter rather than of murder.

Hacohen argued that the prosecution had failed to produce convincing, sufficient or solid evidence tying Avrushmi to the crime. Neither do

the authorities, he argued, have a clear confession from the accused.

Hacohen said that Avrushmi was not identified at the scene of the crime. It was possible to argue, said the lawyer, that Amos Shengloff - the state witness who sold Avrushmi the grenade used in the attack - was the one who threw the grenade at the demonstrators.

Hacohen said the statements extracted by the General Security Service interrogators from Avrushmi were given under duress, and were not taken down properly by the security men.

As to Avrushmi's statements linking him to the crime, Hacohen argued that his client lives in a "world of delusions" and could confess to deeds he did not commit only in order to impress his interlocutors.

Hacohen also stressed that Avrushmi has protested his innocence no fewer than 34 times.

Hacohen asked the judges not to rely too heavily on Avrushmi's statements about the Peace Now movement, such as that its members are "bacteria which must be destroyed." He also said he didn't hate them and that they had a right to demonstrate.



Jerusalem Mayor Teddy Kollek being tended by a nurse at Shaare Zedek Hospital yesterday after he fell in Jerusalem. (Scoop 80)

Kollek breaks his leg in a fall

Jerusalem Mayor Teddy Kollek fell and broke his leg after midnight on Tuesday.

Kollek was leaving the Congress of Hungarian Jews at Binyanei Ha'Ezra when he slipped and fell on some concrete steps. He was holding a bottle of Hungarian Slivovitz at the time, and the bottle shattered, badly cutting Kollek's left hand.

He was taken to Shaare Zedek Hospital, where his hand was stitched.

Although still feeling some pain in his left leg, Kollek went to work as usual yesterday morning, but by noon the pain had worsened and he returned to Shaare Zedek.

Doctors diagnosed a fracture of the left leg near the knee, and the leg was put in plaster. (Itim).

Electricity workers may face suit over costs of their strike

By DAVID RUDGE
Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA - The Electric Corporation's board of directors is considering suing the works committee for damages stemming from the workers' recent week-long strike. The Jerusalem Post was told yesterday.

Board chairman Amos Proshan said the board has requested an assessment of the costs incurred as a result of the strike. The IEC's legal advisers are investigating the possibility of suing the works committee or some of its members to recover part or all of these costs.

The IEC was forced to boost production from its oil-fired power stations and to use expensive gas turbines when the cheaper coal-burning units at the Hadera station were shut.

It costs an estimated \$150,000 a day more to produce the same amount of electricity from oil than from coal, and gas turbines are at least three times more expensive to run than coal-fired generators. Proshan said.

Previous attempts by the IEC to sue its employees have failed. Proshan was asked whether such action would be worthwhile in this case, in view of the probable repercussions by the workers. He replied: "We will have to take into account the power of the employees and the possible disturbances that could be caused by such action on our part. Every member of the board will take all the factors into consideration and vote accordingly. It will be a very difficult decision."

Works committee chairman Yoram Obracovich said the workers would fight any attempt by the board to sue them for damages.

Meanwhile, sources within the IEC criticized the Knesset Finance committee's decision to raise electricity prices by only 10 per cent instead of the 16 per cent the corporation had requested.

The sources said this was the third consecutive month that the government had refused to increase prices in line with the IEC's requests.

Nablus girl testifies about sister's murder

TEL AVIV (Itim). - Saida al-Bahsh, 11, yesterday described in the Tel Aviv District Court how a gunman last year shot and killed her nine-year-old sister in the family bakery in Nablus.

She was testifying at the trial of Yosef Haroui, of Eilon Moreh, who is charged with the murder of Aisha al-Bahsh, and of Ephraim Segal, also of Eilon Moreh, who is charged as an accessory.

Saida testified that she saw some children running and heard shots. Then a man armed with "a small gun" appeared at the family bakery entrance and fired some shots. She

Matriculation graders threaten to strike

By LEA LEVAVI
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. - The Secondary School Teachers Association will strike the matriculation exam-grading centre this afternoon if an agreement on when the graders will be paid is not reached by then.

The association believes that the graders' wages will be eroded if payment is put off. There is no definite payment date.

Shoshana Bayer, chairwoman of the association, visited the centre yesterday and was not satisfied with the working conditions she found there. The centre is at the Herzliya Gymnasium, this year and she said the

Gur Hassidim get Jerusalem land cheap

By YITZHAK OKED
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. - The Gur Hassidic movement will get long-term, renewable lease of six dunams of choice real estate in Jerusalem, at bargain rent, the Israel Lands Administration board of directors decided on Tuesday night.

The plot, part of the Schneller Israel Defence Forces base north-west of the city centre, has an estimated value of \$375 million. The Gur group will pay the ILA only 2 per cent of the market price for yearly rental, instead of the 91 per cent standard in such arrangements.

ILA director-general Moshe Lipke, who said that negotiations over the deal had been in progress for a number of years, explained that

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Treasury blamed for farm slump

By YA'ACOV FRIEDLER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. - It is the Finance Ministry, not the Agriculture Ministry, that is responsible for bankrupting so many farmers in recent years, Amichai Assaf, secretary of the Histadrut's Agricultural Centre, told a news conference here yesterday.

Assaf said that the centre had no quarrel with Likud Agriculture Ministers Ehrlich, Sharon and Grupper, all of whom, he said, had had good intentions. But, he said, "they were not backed by the Finance Ministry," and as a result, agriculture has all but collapsed in this country.

As an example he cited the \$12 million compensation approved for the citrus growers last May, but paid only this week. "Meanwhile, hundreds of trees were uprooted and

orchards were allowed to wilt," he said.

On the other hand, Assaf said, tens of thousands of dollars were found for a 20th anniversary celebration of the National Water Carrier next Thursday, four days before the elections, after the Mekorot company, which operates the carrier, decided to cancel the festivities because of its financial straits.

Admitting that the timing of his meeting with the press was connected with the elections, he went on to lambast Pessah Grupper's latest scheme to "turn farmers into multimillionaires" by rezoning their land for building purposes and selling it to contractors. The scheme has meanwhile been shot down by the Lands Administration, despite Grupper's influence.

Assaf noted the land belonged to the nation, leased to the farmers in perpetuity, and it would be fair to compensate them for vacating it and losing their income from it, but not to make them rich overnight.

The ministry's 1979 five-year plan had foreseen \$1 billion in farm exports in the 1985-86 fiscal year, based on \$600m. worth exported in 1979-80, Assaf said.

But the target is now pie in the sky, as this year's exports will total only \$500m, according to the latest estimates, he said.

The reasons for this regression are clear, Assaf said. The government's preference for imports over production, the attrition of the European currencies, and the abolition of incentives based on export added value.

Five-year-plan pays off for cherry growers

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. - The country's cherry growers produced a bumper crop of 80 tons of sweet cherries and 120 tons of the sour variety this year. Shmuel Ophir, director of the Matityahu Ranch experimental farm in Upper Galilee, told The Jerusalem Post yesterday.

The farm was instrumental in introducing the cherry to Israel, and production has increased five-fold during the past five years, he noted.

The season is in May and June. Sweet cherries retailed at \$15.000 to \$15.000 per kilogram.

Ophir noted that despite the big crop, the price had not gone down "because people were willing to pay top prices, especially in Tel Aviv."

The cherries are grown mainly in Galilee, but also in the mountains around Jerusalem. In the Golan, Jewish and Druze farmers grow them. The latter had grown two varieties of lower market value be-

fore 1967, but are now growing the more popular strains.

Sour cherries, which sell at about half the price of the sweet ones, are used mainly for jam and brandy.

The growers are up in arms over the government's recent decision to permit the import of cherries from the German Federal Republic and Cyprus, fearing they will constitute ruinous competition to the local fruit budgets.

Purchaser of Dayan house loses court battle with city

By MICHAEL YUDELMAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. - City Hall yesterday won its suit against the man who bought the late Moshe Dayan's house. The Tel Aviv Magistrate's Court also rejected the buyer's suit for compensation for the wall around the property that the municipality had torn down, and ordered him to pay \$300,000 in court costs.

The decorative wall around Dayan's house was built in 1968, following the Defence Ministry's request that City Hall permit a wall to be built on public land to protect the then defence minister. The wall, inlaid with archaeological sculptures, encompassed 3½ dunams of public land and was to have been removed as soon as Dayan no longer needed protection.

After Dayan's death, his widow Rahel continued living there, and the city did not insist that the wall be torn down. Some months later, however, she sold the house to advocate Menashe Bar-Shilton and the municipality demolished the wall.

Bar-Shilton sued the city, demanding compensation for the loss of the wall, which, he said, had been sold to him as part of the house.

Simultaneously, City Hall filed suit against Bar-Shilton to return to the municipality the 3½ dunams bordering on his yard.

Magistrates Court Judge Azriel Gershoni ordered Bar-Shilton to return the land to the city and issued a permanent injunction forbidding Bar-Shilton from building on that land.

Soroka to get \$1m. linear accelerator

By LIORA MORIEL
Jerusalem Post Reporter

BEERSHEBA. - The sophisticated oncology unit scheduled to open at Soroka Hospital here this winter will have a state-of-the-art linear accelerator for radiation treatment, the hospital spokeswoman said yesterday.

The million-dollar machine, to be bought jointly by Kupat Holim Clalit and the Israel Cancer Association, will be the first of its kind in the southern region.

A day-clinic for cancer patients has been operating here for four years, and gives chemotherapy treatment only. For radiation treatment, patients must travel to other medical centres.

Soroka Hospital serves a population of 350,000. Each year, it treats 650 new cancer patients. The oncology unit will be staffed by 40 people.

Four plead not guilty in Carmon case

HAIFA (Itim). - The four defendants charged with kidnapping, raping and murdering 22-year-old Dafna Carmon in June 1982 yesterday pleaded not guilty to all the charges against them at the opening of their trial in the Haifa District Court.

The four - brothers, Kamal and Mohammed Sabih, aged 24 and 28 respectively; their cousin, Ataf Sabih, 26; and Ahmed Kuzli, 29 - appeared exhausted and unshaven, but followed the proceedings attentively.

Carmon disappeared on the night of June 11, 1982, as she was returning to her parents' home after visiting her boyfriend's parents, who live some 400 metres away. Her decomposing body was found several weeks later by a shepherd in a forest on Mount Carmel.

According to the charge sheet, the four defendants forced Carmon into

a car, took her to the forest, gang-raped her and then stabbed her to death to prevent her from identifying them. The four then tossed her naked body into the forest and drove off with her clothing and personal effects, the charge sheet said.

The trial will resume in early October so defence counsel can check the alibi put forth by the defendants at the beginning of the trial yesterday.

Water-games park

A 1.3 million water recreation park, complete with water slides and games, swimming pools and grassy areas, will open on Sunday at Kibbutz Nevech Yam on the Mediterranean coast near Afula.

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Opec ministers agree on concession to Nigeria

VIENNA (AP). — Opec ministers agreed yesterday to keep their prices and basic production quotas unchanged, but Saudi Arabia said it would temporarily cut its output to make room for more oil sales from financially pressed Nigeria.

Nigeria will be able to boost oil production above its current quota of 1.3 million barrels per day to 1.4 million in August and 1.5m. in September, according to conference sources.

With that exception, the oil ministers agreed to retain present prices and to continue limiting production in hopes of reviving a depressed market, Gabon's oil minister said.

The minister, Etienne Guy Mouavagha Tchibba, said the meeting decided to keep the price for Saudi light crude, on which all other

prices are based, at \$29 a barrel. He gave no other details and a news conference was scheduled for later in the day.

"We maintained the London decision," Tchibba said, emerging from the conference that ended after 1½ days of closed-door consultations.

In London, in March 1983, the 13 oil ministers agreed to cut their price by \$5 a barrel and to limit members' oil production to a total of 17.5 million barrels a day in an attempt to dry up a worldwide oil glut and prevent further price declines.

Opec ministers also said yesterday they had put aside the war between members Iraq and Iran in their discussions on how to keep prices from falling.

Asian meeting condemns Vietnam

JAKARTA (AP). — Foreign ministers from the six Association of Southeast Asian Nations (Asean) members on Tuesday expressed "deep concern at the continued illegal occupation of Kampuchea" by Vietnamese military forces it said posed a serious threat to the peace and stability of Southeast Asia.

In a communique issued at the end of their annual meeting, the Asean officials again called for a comprehensive political settlement in Kampuchea "which would have as its primary objective the restoration of the independence and sovereignty of Kampuchea."

The foreign ministers expressed their serious concern over the recurrent acts of Vietnamese aggression along the Thai-Kampuchean border and the intrusions of Vietnamese troops as well as frequent artillery bombardments of Thai territory. They expressed their deep disappointment that Vietnam still shows no intention to seek a peaceful settlement of the Kampuchean problem.

There were no surprises in the communique, with no changes in Asean's stated position toward its Indochinese neighbours.

Reagan to attend Caribbean conference

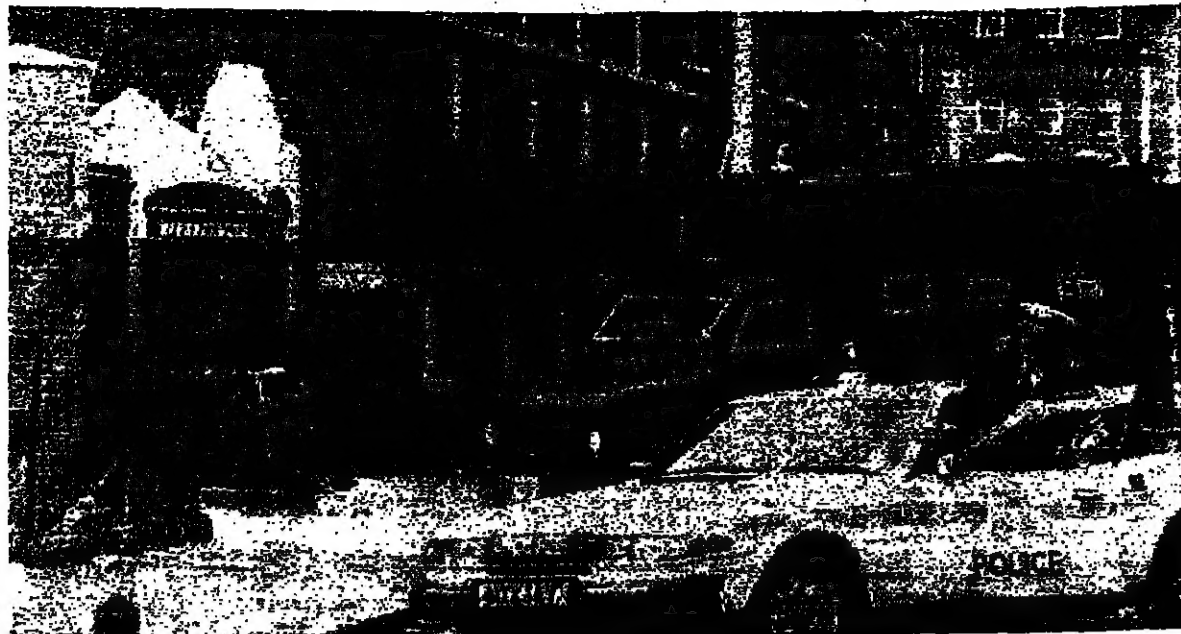
WASHINGTON (AP). — President Reagan will attend a meeting of Caribbean heads of government sponsored by the University of South Carolina in Columbia, South Carolina, a White House spokesman announced Tuesday.

The conference was organized by the university "to strengthen the close ties among the Caribbean states," he said. The conference has no set agenda.

Egypt will assemble Mirage-2000 jets

CAIRO (AP). — The advanced French warplane Mirage-2000 will be assembled in Egypt next year, Defence Minister Abdel-Halim Abu-Ghazala said here Tuesday on the eve of a short visit to Cairo by French President Francois Mitterrand.

The Middle East News Agency said Abu-Ghazala made the statement following a meeting with President Hosni Mubarak to report to him on his talks last week in Paris



The police van that carried three Israelis and one Nigerian diplomat suspected of involvement in the attempted kidnapping of former Nigerian minister Umaru Dikko stands outside London's Lambeth Court yesterday where they were charged. (UPI telephoto)

Iraqi conference calls for end to gulf war

BAGHDAD (AP). — Representatives of political parties, liberation movements and labour unions from 107 states ended a three-day conference on the gulf war here yesterday by calling for an immediate ceasefire between Iraq and Iran.

The 300 participants in the Iraqi-sponsored "International Conference on the Impact of the Gulf War on World Peace and Security" issued a statement calling on the two warring states in the 45-month-old conflict to "immediately halt all military operations and start negotiations under international auspices aimed at settling their problems."

The Soviet Union was represented by Igor Beliaev, vice-president of the Soviet Anti-Zionist Committee.

Pakistani hijacker executed in Afghanistan

ISLAMABAD (Reuters). — A Pakistani who led the hijacking of a Pakistani airliner to Afghanistan three years ago has been executed, Kabul radio reported yesterday.

It said the hijacker, Salamullah Khan, had killed two men and was sentenced to death by a court in accordance with the Afghan penal code.

Khan led a group of three gunmen who seized a Pakistan International Airlines plane on a domestic flight from Karachi to Peshawar in March, 1981.

Crash of Starfighter kills W. German woman

STADE, West Germany (AP). — Two West German F-104 Starfighters crashed Tuesday in separate mishaps in northern Germany, killing one woman and injuring two men on the ground, the police said.

The first aircraft slammed into a farmhouse about 45 kilometres west of Hamburg, killing one woman and injuring two men. The pilot, who ejected moments before the early afternoon crash, was also slightly injured.

The second Starfighter crashed a short time later some 160km. north of Hamburg, going down after clipping a perimeter fence on take-off. The pilot ejected safely before the plane plowed into a field only 150 metres from the airstrip.

Pope deplores Nicaragua's expulsion of priests

VATICAN CITY (Reuters). — Pope John Paul yesterday deplored the expulsion of 10 foreign priests from Nicaragua, describing it as "a particularly serious event."

Speaking at the end of his weekly general audience, the pope said he prayed that God would enlighten the country's left-wing leaders "that they may reverse a decision openly harmful to the church and the needs of the Catholic people of Nicaragua."

Turkey limits drinking age

ANKARA (AP). — Turkey's conservative government has banned the serving of alcoholic beverages to minors below age 18.

It was the first move in the predominantly Moslem country to establish a legal age limit on liquor consumption.

According to a cabinet decision published Monday, beer and wine are included in the ban.

Letter-bombers draw jail terms in London court

LONDON (AP). — Two brothers who mailed letter bombs to public figures, including Prince Charles and Prime Minister Thatcher, were sentenced to prison terms of 10 years and three years respectively on Tuesday.

Patrick Smyth, 25, drew the longer sentence after admitting to making the bombs.

His brother Anthony, 27, got a lesser term after the judge accepted that he was activated only by "totally misguided loyalty" to his brother.

All the letter bombs were intercepted by security agents and defused.

Patrick Smyth told the police: "Subconsciously I wanted to be famous. I wanted to become famous. I wanted to change the political climate in this country."

Sports

Davis Cup squad starts training

By JACK LEON

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Israel's Davis Cup team of Shlomo Glickstein, Shabir Parkis, David Schneider and Amos Mansdorf on Tuesday started intensive training here for the July 19 to 21 European Zone "A" Davis Cup semi-final tie against Switzerland at the Ramat Hashikma courts in Ramat Hashikma. Mansdorf is postponing his departure for the Los Angeles Olympics official exhibition tennis tournament, in order to take part in the match and allow the hosts to field the same team as the one which beat Poland 5-0 in last month's quarter-final tie in Jerusalem. The winners meet the Soviet Union or Australia in September's final final, with the Russians having ground advantage against Israel.

Czech unbounced

PRAGUE (AP). — Tennis star Ivan Lendl, returning to play for his native country in a Davis Cup match against France, criticized Western press reports that cast doubt on his loyalty to Czechoslovakia.

In an interview televised after his arrival on Tuesday, Lendl said he was "very glad" that he had been reinstated on the Czechoslovak Davis Cup team. He was suspended last year for going against national policy and playing in the South African "tribal homeland" of Bophuthatswana.

There have been reports in the West that Lendl, who lives in the United States, was planning to defect, and that he would not be allowed to play on the Czechoslovak team, one of the top Davis Cup contenders.

"The Western press in the last weeks and months have been carrying semi-truths and distorted information, and have put into your mouth some statements which have cast doubt on your civic attitude toward our country," said television interviewer Karol Mykyska.

"I don't pay any attention to what is written because they always write what they want to write," Lendl replied. "Sometimes, for instance, they ask about something. I answer it in long sentences, but they take only the first half, so that it looks quite the opposite from what it should be. But nothing can be done about that."

Wonder pitching

SAN FRANCISCO (AP). — Six straight strike-outs by Fernando Valenzuela and Dwight Gooden broke the 50-year-old record of V. Hubbel and led the National League to a 3-1 victory over the American League on Tuesday night in the 55th All-Star game.

The performance by Valenzuela and Gooden highlighted the greatest strikeout deal in All-Star history. Rickey Henderson of Oakland went down looking at a curveball from Rich Gossage of San Diego for the final out and 21st strikeout of the game.

Fine tennis by girls

By JACK LEON

TEL AVIV. — Israel scored a fine 2-1 victory over Norway in La Touquet on Tuesday in the opening round of the 20th annual Annis Seisbaug Cup, the international team tennis championship for girls under-21. A total of 32 countries are taking part in the week-long competition, in which Israel played for the first time last year and lost in the final round.

Last-minute team choice Rakel Binyamin gave Israel her singles victory, coming through 6-4, 6-2 against Any Jonsson. But in the rubber 6-4, 6-2 victory over the two countries, Norway's Astrid Smide defeated Orly Binyamin 5-3, 6-3. Then in the vital doubles encounter, Binyamin and Sagit Doron clinched the home with a 6-3, 7-5 success against Jonsson and Smide.

Boycott reaches 85,000

LONDON (AP). — Geoff Boycott scored the 85,000th victory over Gloucestershire in the County Championship on Tuesday.

Gloucestershire declared and set Yorkshire 280 to win. Boycott (126 not out) and Kevin Sharp (88) put on 195 off 32 overs to set up an eight wicket victory. During his innings, Boycott scored the 85,000th of his career.

FDR-Churchill letters show unsuspected signs of strain

NEW YORK (AP). — The complete wartime correspondence between President Franklin Roosevelt and British prime minister Winston Churchill, to be published soon, shows previously unsuspected tensions between the two leaders. The New York Times says.

The Times said the 2,000 telegrams, letters and memoranda covering 5½ years will be published in early October by the Princeton University Press and quotes Princeton Professor Arthur Link as saying the correspondence "reveals strains in the relationship as they've never

been revealed before."

The documents came from the Public Record Office in London, the National Archives in Washington, and the Franklin D. Roosevelt Library in Hyde Park, New York.

One dispute, The Times said, involved a desire by Roosevelt to set up a free market in civil aviation after the war, with the British seeking to retain their share of the market.

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"The prime minister," The Times said, while Churchill dropped "My dear Franklin" for the formal "The president."

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The correspondence also shows, the paper reported, that Roosevelt tried to prod the British into giving India something "tantamount to self-government" during the war. Churchill's reply was that independence for India should not be discussed during the war.

The Times quotes University of Kentucky Professor George Herring as saying that the correspondence shows Churchill's memoirs "gave a skewed impression of how Churchill and Roosevelt worked together... and they gave a skewed portrait of Churchill's own role."

Saigon 10 years after—peace and poverty

beg or to sell cigarettes on streets jammed with bicycles and trishaws, while many others, no longer able to cope, fly abroad to begin new lives under the UN Programme for the Orderly Departure of Refugees.

It is a city filled with strong memories of the U.S.-Vietnam War, which brought death and destruction but was a time when hustlers and hard workers could make a living and perhaps a fortune.

"Before many Americans. We work hard. We have money. Now our country very poor," complained a 59-year-old trishaw peddler who

used to chauffeur a U.S. Navy car. Officials, too, recall the war, but they blame it for all the problems faced by this city formerly known as Saigon.

Pham Van Kai, vice-chairman of the city's People's Committee (local government), recently told visiting foreign journalists that the U.S. presence twisted the city's economy by making it heavily reliant on service industries and foreign imports.

The city, he said, burgeoned with four million jobs when the war ended in 1975, while the city's six suburban districts, areas of Amer-

ican "free bombing and free shell-

ing," were stripped of vegetation. Since then, Kai said, "we have made outstanding progress in transforming the city from a consumer city to a prosperous and productive city."

He said this city of 3.5 million now accounts for 30 per cent of the country's total small industry and handicraft production.

In 1983, the city's individual export collectives were replaced by a single state trade agency, Imexco, and officials say that both production and export revenue have since

significantly increased.

The official goal is to make Ho Chi Minh City the industrial centre of the Mekong River delta supplying materials for, and being fed by, the farmlands in the surrounding provinces.

To socialize the city's traditional free-wheeling economy, the authorities last year began cracking down on small private businesses by imposing heavy taxes on shops Kai described as not contributing to society's welfare.

The city's streets are filled with store fronts abandoned behind metal gates, and people say they do not know where the former owners have gone.

Outside these rusting facades, clusters of bored young men squat, playing cards or chess by portable lamp. The grime of tenement walls twists down to the pavement, which is littered with the city's in-

numerable outcasts — the old and sick, the crippled, the jobless, the children fathered and abandoned by U.S. servicemen, and hungry ethnic Vietnamese kids.

Though there appear to be many more, Kai said 8,000 people are living on the streets and that most had come from neighbouring provinces.

To deal with the massive unemployment after the war, the government "persuaded" 400,000 city residents to return to their native villages, and sent 350,000 others to "new economic zones," Kai said.

He said an insignificant number of migrants have returned because, he implied, they were not willing to work hard.

An informed, unofficial Vietnamese source said, however, that there have been many such returnees. Many people could not earn a living in the new zones, and the government was trying to improve conditions there, said this observer.

Jackson: Mondale won't interview me

LOS ANGELES (AP). — Jesse Jackson says Walter Mondale has declined to interview him for the Democratic vice-presidential nomination because Mondale isn't seriously interested in a black running mate and is responding to threats from Jewish leaders.

Jackson, in an interview with the Los Angeles Times in his hometown of Greenville, South Carolina, said the "white press" is often guilty of "Aryan arrogance."

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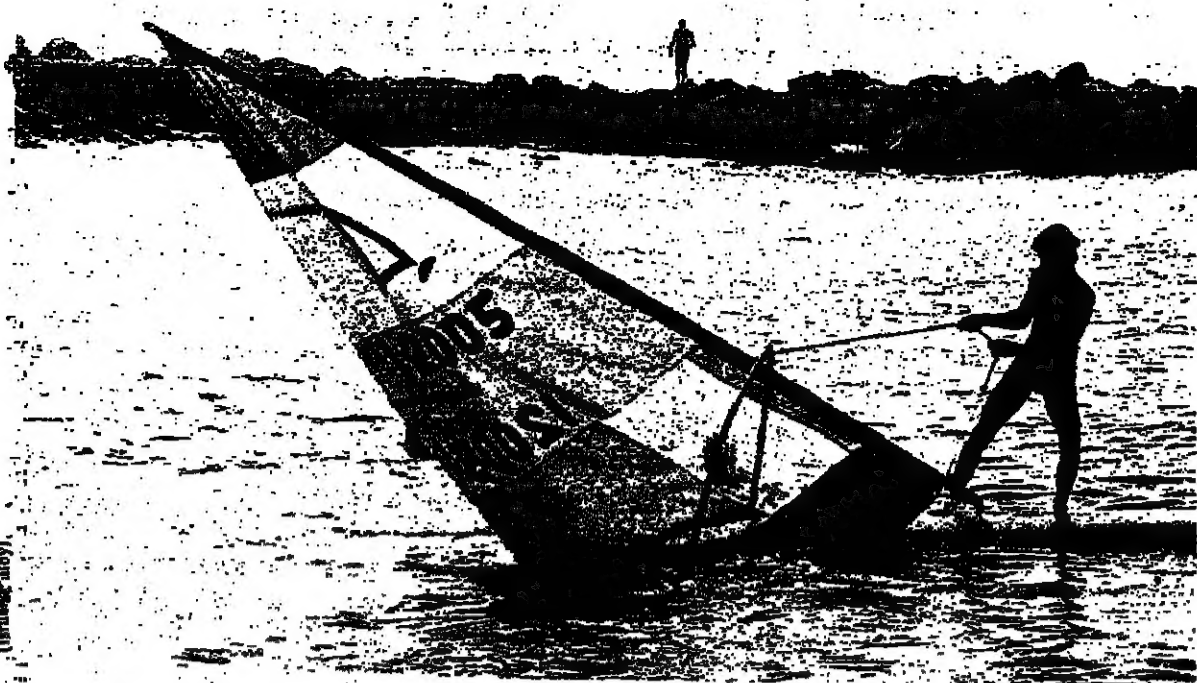
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Diving and sailing



Riding on the crest

Windsurfing is becoming a popular pastime, Louise Isaacs reports.

STROLLING along Tel Aviv's promenade, one is dazzled by windsurfers twisting and turning, their boards brightly coloured sails shimmering in the sun.

Windsurfing is riding on the crest of a wave of popularity in this country — especially since it is not the exclusive pastime of the super-fit or the super-rich, according to Yoni Arnon, manager of the Tel Aviv-based Sea Centre.

Arnon runs a network of windsurfing and sailing clubs, which includes all three in Tel Aviv, the Aquasport and Golan Beach clubs on the Kinneret, and a club in Eilat.

"People think windsurfing is hard and only for the young and fit. Anyone, as long as they're able-bodied — can do it after some instruction. We have windsurfers here from seven to 70 years of age of both sexes," says Arnon, himself a wind-

surfing instructor and examiner.

"As for money, it's true that about 40 per cent of our members are well-off professionals, but we also get a lot of other people.

"Windsurfing is really relaxing and takes away the strain of a hard day. Sometimes people who work in offices come here, red in the face and tense. After they've gone windsurfing, they walk away different people." Some 600 enthusiasts, Arnon

adds, are members of the five Sea Centre clubs.

Apparently, windsurfing — an offshoot of surfing, first popular in California in 1969 — has won over many former dinghy enthusiasts.

"It's a more individual sport," he explains. "You don't have to take the family with you. You can leave them on the beach, windsurf and forget about everything."

Arnon says that windsurfing first hit the country three years ago, and today, there are several thousand confirmed windsurfers here.

"The worldwide boom didn't come until 1976, and everything reaches us after Europe. But conditions are much better here than Europe for windsurfing. It's an all-year-round sport here. For seven to eight months the conditions are really good. Even in the winter you can windsurf if you wear a wet-suit."

The Tel Aviv Sea Centre club comprises the Dolphinarium (for members and casual hirers), the Hilton Beach (members only), and the Marina, (for instruction and hiring). Annual membership costs \$350 for those using club windsurfing boards or dinghies, and \$300 for those using their own craft, for which there are storage facilities.

The clubs are open seven days a week and, apart from Shabbat when a minimum of two hours' sailing is guaranteed, water-time is virtually unlimited.

A nine-hour theoretical and practical course (\$85), culminating in the award of a licence from the Israeli Windsurfing School Association, is offered at the clubs. Between 800 to 1,000 people complete this course every year; 20 per cent of them are tourists. Windsurfing and sailing lessons are also offered on an hourly basis.

Away from it all

IN A COUNTRY as small as this where does one go to get away from it all — and having found such a place, what does one do there?

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Israel boasts some of the best diving areas in the world. Says Ilan Sax, diving instructor at the Octopus Marina, Tel Aviv: "It's a wonder that more people have not taken advantage of this divers' paradise — a step so simple it surprises most people."

It is difficult for the non-diver to perceive the underwater world which seems mysterious and hostile at first. However, as diving experience is gained the mystery is reduced and the hostility fades to be replaced by curiosity, awe and respect.

Sax adds enthusiastically: "The knowledge gained from a diving course will provide the means to explore this underwater world where fantastic beauty awaits and an infinite variety of interesting life abounds."

There are about 10 diving schools in Israel which start courses weekly. A course takes about a week and can be done in your spare time.

Last year a man of 73 came into the club asking for information about our courses for his grandson and



(Werner Braun)

ended up taking the course with him. One of Sax's biggest pleasures as an instructor is watching the reaction of his students as they make that first plunge and take their first breath of air under water.

After completing the initial watermanship skills they are ready to use the aqualing for the first time.

Sax describes the scene: "We are standing in less than four feet of water in full diving gear. I give a rundown of the skills they will learn and a few encouraging words. The expressions on their faces range from mild apprehension to open ner-

vousness. There is silence and the air is tense. I give the descent signal and all together we kneel on the pool floor."

"As the air reaches their lungs and bubbles start to rise the apprehension and nervousness vanishes and turn into surprise and elation as they look at each other and want to laugh. Nothing new. I've seen it all before and in less than a week they will be ready for their first sea dive."

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New on the lagoon

Haim Shapiro

A NEW hotel was taking shape. The pool was filled for the first time. Lighting fixtures were being installed in one of the eight food outlets. French lessons were taking place across the street.

French lessons? For a hotel that is opening a tourism school to train its staff, French lessons are not out of the ordinary. What is perhaps extraordinary is that with all this concern for the staff, the owner is doing his best to pare it to the bone.

The King Solomon's Palace, a 460-room hotel opening tomorrow in Eilat's lagoon area, is, according to manager Arye Lees, a four-star hotel, which was planned as a three-star hotel but which will now have five-star facilities and three-star prices.

A major factor in the prices, Lees says, is the number of employees. During normal occupancy, he says, there will be about 435, or 60 per cent of the usual number in a hotel of this size.

Owner David Lewis, a British businessman who has a wealth of experience in the form of a massive chain of hotels in Spain, has not stated in his investment. Part of this investment may be seen in complete computerization, which should cut down not only on office staff, but in

the maintenance department as well.

Staff economies will also be seen in the facilities. The main dining room is being planned for buffet style meals, with guests helping themselves to as much as they want. The safes too will be self-service, with the clerk helping out only if you lose your key.

There will be no room service, nor will the chambermaid come in the evening to turn down your bed.

The savings, according to Lees, will go into food, entertainment, sports and seaside activities. For the last, Lees promises, guests will have at their disposal anything from flip-flops to sailboats and diving equipment.

For entertainment, the hotel has already sent a group of 10 newly hired employees to an "entertainment seminar" in one of Lewis's hotels in Spain.

As for food, the hotel ran advertisements in Europe to recruit top chefs. Then it advertised in Israel for those wanting to learn a profession. Of the 700 or so who telephoned in reply about 80 apprentice chefs, waiters and counterwomen were hired.

Meanwhile, to house the staff

while the hotel is being built, owner bought the small Ady Hotel, across the street.

Having the housing across the street allows the hotel to ask employees to work split shifts without much trouble. It also means that eventually the Ady might be renovated to absorb the overflow if and when the King Solomon's Palace finds that its 460 rooms, 42 of which are suites, are not enough.

Much of the job of filling the hotel will be done, Lees believes, by the prices which are very attractive. At present, there are four seasons a year, with the nightly rate for individual guests ranging from \$18 to \$27 per person, including breakfast.

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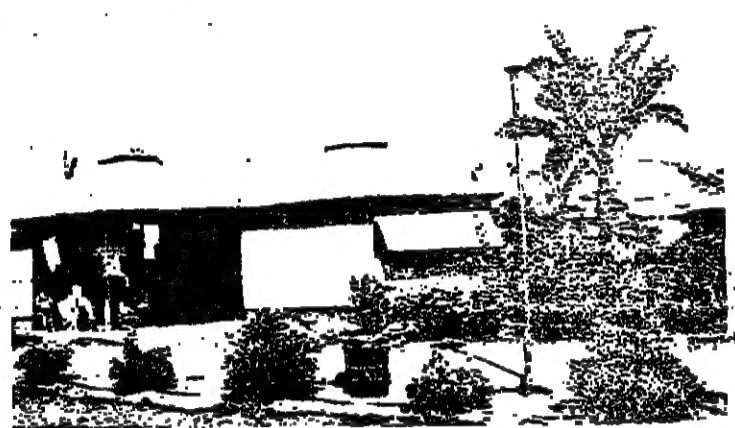


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Money Matters

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What the Alignment plans to do in the housing field

Free land to cut flat prices by 30%

By MACABEE DEAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter
TEL AVIV. — The housing minister-designate of the Alignment, Rafi Edri MK, who is the head of Shikun Ovdim, yesterday said that if the Alignment is returned to power its first priority will be to shift the focus of nearly all building activity from Judea and Samaria to Israel proper. Moreover, he warned that the Likud's housing policy was falling so far behind that unless 10,000 housing starts are made by the end of this year, the price of flats within Israel would soon soar by 25 to 30 per cent in real terms.

Edri, who stressed that his figures were obtained from Housing Ministry publications, charged that 1983 was the worst year in more than two decades in housing starts. Construction of only 20,330 flats (both private and public) had begun last year, compared to 50,000 in 1974.

"During the last seven years there have been only 220,000 housing starts, compared to 360,000 in the previous seven years (from 1971 to 1977). This means that the Likud government has built 140,000 fewer flats. At an estimated cost of \$29,000 each (this does not take into account the cost of land), the Likud government saved \$4,200 million, he said.

What did the Likud do with the money it saved? According to Edri, only \$300m. was spent on the various Project Renewal developments, while \$2.800m. went to build in the West Bank.

"The Negev and the Galilee have been so badly neglected that today the non-Jewish population in the Galilee outnumbers the Jewish," he said.

And there was a desperate need for housing, he added, within Israel



Rafi Edri (Keren)

proper. "At present there are 28,000 young couples awaiting for a home of their own; another 16,000 families live under very crowded conditions. There are 7,000 immigrant families waiting for a home, while another 35,000 bachelors in the 28-35 age group also demand flats.

To meet the requirements of all these people, he presented what he called "a daring and revolutionary construction programme." Its main thesis was that the next Knesset (if the Alignment was returned to power) would pass a "roof over every head" law, making it mandatory that each eligible person or family be provided with housing in the shortest possible time. However, priority would go to discharged servicemen who would receive the same rights as new immigrants.

The government would provide land free, and this would reduce the price of flats by at least 30 per cent. However, the land would not be given to the "contractors so they could profiteer," but go directly to the householders, who, if they lived

in the flat for five to seven years, would automatically become its owners, without paying one agora. However, if they moved within five to seven years, they would be charged for the land.

His "grand plan" also calls for mortgages to be given on much more favourable terms. During our administration prior to 1977 the average mortgage covered 65 per cent of the cost of a flat, thus making it easier for householders to move in; today, mortgages cover only 40 per cent of the cost of a flat.

Moreover, he said, the government would encourage rental housing. It would guarantee that the contractor received a minimum of eight to ten per cent on his investment. Tenants would only have to dish out 20 to 25 per cent of their wages in rent. The difference between these two figures would be covered by the government.

Edri also promised that the licensing procedure, today a long and nerve-racking bureaucratic process, would be greatly simplified. "The contractors will have to take an oath that they are meeting all building regulations, and if they are caught cheating, they will be charged in court and thrown in jail."

This method, he said, was preferable to the present system, where the contractors sometimes try to pull the wool over the eyes of the various building commissions.

He also promised to reduce the time of actual construction by "industrializing" building methods through the use of standard-sized doors, plumbing, tiles and accessories.

If during the last Alignment administration it took an average of 21 months to finish a building, today it takes 25.2 months. This time could be reduced to about one year," he said.

Pitfalls of starting a housing project

By MACABEE DEAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter
TEL AVIV. — An Israeli financial adviser and businessman, Raphael Cohen, who has been living in California for the past four years, yesterday charged that he was running into a "bureaucratic barrier" trying to initiate a housing project for 500 retired Americans.

Cohen said that there was a desire among thousands of American Jews, especially in California, to retire in Israel, where their monthly pension cheques of \$700 to \$1,000 go much

further. He said that he had approached the government for a tract of 1,000 dunams between Ashkelon and Ashdod, but had been given the run-around. He said he could raise, in the first stage, about \$30 million to start building 500 houses on the shores of a private marina. The project would be called "Marina Daniel."

The retirement village would be English-speaking, and the commercial area would cater to American tastes.

Protected property

A law should be passed allowing landlords and tenants of protected properties to sell or buy the properties outright, at a fair price to be set by a government appraiser.

This was suggested this week by speakers at a rally of the National Association for Tenant Protection at Beit Agron in Jerusalem. The association is running a list of candidates for the Knesset. (Item)

Bankrupt Rishon LeZion contractor leaves hundreds of buyers in the street

By YITZHAK OKED
Jerusalem Post Reporter

RISHON LE ZION. — Several hundred families who purchased apartments from local contractor Haim Shechter are now left in the street because Shechter cannot complete his buildings due to financial problems. The families are planning to hold a protest meeting at the Beit Ha'am here on Saturday night.

The meeting is being organized by the municipality and Mayor Meir Nitzan said that he had invited all parties involved to participate. This includes Housing Minister David Levy, a representative of the Federation of Contractors and Builders, the court-appointed receiver of the Shechter company, representative of Bank Leumi, the main creditor and Haim Shechter himself.

The mayor called on the govern-

ment to come to the aid of the affected families by giving them loans on easy terms. According to his estimate the average family needs an extra \$5,000 to complete the work on their apartments and pay back the money that Shechter owes his creditors.

Nitzan said that he gets frantic calls from some of the "Shechter victims."

He added that every day he has received reports that some tenants have taken the law into their own hands and have moved into the uncompleted apartments. They now want the municipality to hook up their water supply — which under the circumstances would be against the law. "I don't know what to do in this case, and no one at government level is willing to advise me," the mayor lamented.

Record number of Americans in Europe

NEW YORK (AP). — The booming U.S. economy, the strong dollar, the 40th anniversary of the invasion of Normandy and many Americans' desire to see the Old Country have combined to produce what tourists industry sources term the biggest-ever U.S. tourist invasion of Europe.

President Ronald Reagan set the pace last month. Seeking his ancestral roots in Ireland, touring the Normandy beaches in France and attending an economic summit in London.

He was just one of roughly 5.5 million Americans — more than the population of Ireland — expected to visit Europe in 1984.

Trans-Atlantic flights are booked solid. Travel agents are doing a brisk

business and State Department officials are working furiously to keep up with the crush of passport applications.

"Europe's a bargain because, obviously, the dollar is buying more," said Vivian Deutsch, an official at the U.S. Commerce Department's travel and tourism division.

One gauge of European travel is passport applications, which the State Department says have jumped 50 per cent so far in 1984. Some 600,000 passports were issued in May, up 53 per cent from the same month the year before.

At the European travel commission in New York, a spokesman said the commission is looking for a 1.5 per cent increase over the record 4.8 million Americans who went to Europe last year.

German recovery strong despite strikes

WEST BERLIN (Reuters). — West Germany's real economic growth will be above government forecasts this year despite the losses caused by recent strikes, the authoritative Berlin Institute for Economic Research said yesterday.

In its latest report, the independent institute said spare capacity would allow industry to make up about two thirds of lost output, estimated at 0.75 per cent of the Gross National Product, in the second half of this year.

The general climate for recovery remained good and the economy would grow by three per cent in 1984, the report said. But it was expected to level off in 1985 to near two per cent. Government planning assumes growth of 2.5 per cent in both years. In 1983 it was 1.3 per cent.

The institute said the seven-week

metal workers' dispute had hardly affected companies' intentions to invest and private households were expected to consume more.

There were also justified hopes for further cuts in capital market interest rates, but there would be no significant reduction this year in unemployment, which stood at 8.5 per cent.

BITTER-SWEET. — Cuba blames Australia for the failure of the UN conference on sugar to reach an international agreement, controlling the depressed sugar market and fixing equitable prices.

WHAT'S ON

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South African economy slows as gold prices slump

JOHANNESBURG (Reuters).

The South African economy has been battered by slumping gold prices and the worst drought in living memory, economists expect no sustained upturn until well into 1985.

If the gold price, which has plunged as low as \$332 an ounce in the last few days, is not reversed in the coming months, the recovery could be delayed even longer, they say.

The price of gold, which accounts for about half of South Africa's export earnings, and drought have combined with double-digit inflation and record interest rates to hold down growth.

Black Education and Training Minister, Barend du Plessis, who succeeds Owen Horwood as Finance Minister at the end of the month, will take over the economy at a bleak time.

Most economists expect no immediate policy shifts from the ruling National Party's star, whose policies remain undecided.

Horwood's announced retirement after 10 years at the economic helm, has been met with mixed feelings from businessmen.

His commitment to free enterprise has been admired, but most economists point to a legacy of record-high interest rates, high inflation and a sinking rand, which hit a new low of below 67 U.S. cents recently.

Annual growth of South Africa's real Gross Domestic Product slowed to four per cent in the first quarter of the year, from 11 per cent in the final 1983 quarter. Reserve Bank figures show.

Gold, which plays a decisive part in the economy, has sunk from \$850 at the start on 1981 and a high of \$511 last year.

Horwood warned that further belt-tightening would be needed if the bullion price remained depressed, while economists said bank price, lending rates could rise by one

per cent, to a record 22 per cent to dampen domestic demand.

Inflation remains a chronic problem and is running at twice the level of South Africa's major trading partners. Consumer prices rose 11 per cent in the 12 months, to May, compared with 4.2 per cent in the U.S. and 5.1 per cent in Britain.

Most economists predict inflation will accelerate to over 12 per cent in the second half of this year, partly because of the rand's fall and the drought pushing up food prices.

Horwood unexpectedly announced an increase in the general sales tax from seven to 10 per cent after his March budget, which forecast a spending deficit of three billion rand (\$2.4b.) that rapidly appeared over-optimistic.

The fall of the rand, which had parity with the dollar just three years ago, has benefited gold mining companies, which last year earned three billion rand (\$2.4b.) after tax.

Since last September, the Reserve Bank has stopped guiding the money market by quoting a daily rate and has allowed the rand to float, though it sometimes intervenes on a small scale.

South Africa's foreign trade situation has also worsened.

Leumi publicity film wins bronze medal

TEL AVIV — The Bank Leumi publicity film "Computers Serving People," dealing with caspomat and computer services, was awarded a bronze medal at the recent Cannes publicity film festival at which films from 32 countries were shown.

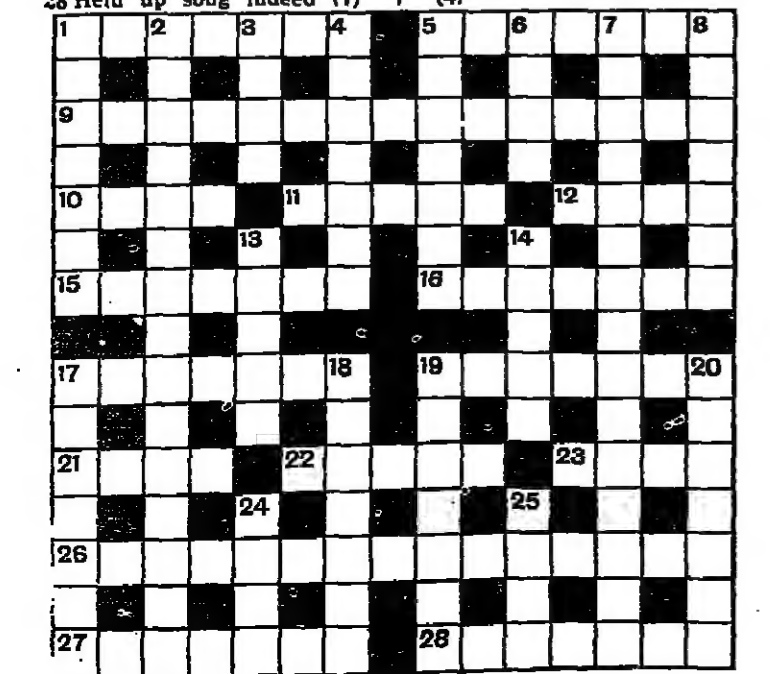
The film was produced by Arieli Advertising and Kayitz Productions in only two days. Most of the shooting was done at Bank Leumi's computer centre.

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ONE-AND-ONE CROSSWORD

- ACROSS**
1 & 5 Pay in arrears at a commercial establishment? (3,2,7)
9 One of the most critical publications of the season (9,6)
10 Open-minded midshipman (4)
11 Appear in the lists? There's just nothing in it (5)
12 Block vote? (4)
15 Men who put labels on thin sheets of iron? (7)
16 Back it comes en masse to nominate a French artist (7)
17 By inference some creature that breathes in a vacuum? (7)
19 Peculiarly apt clue for Juliet's town house? (7)
21 A fashion that makes me act in reverse (4)
22 Still around as a cause of ferment (5)
23 A dandy line for a Frenchman! (4)
26 The premises from which the candidate makes his appeal to the people? (8,7)
27 Dubious character (7)
28 Held up song indeed (7)
- DOWN**
1 & 17 down. Ask for the figures obligingly given by the disc jockey? (7,7)
2 Clearly not the attribute of a far-seeing person (4,11)
3 It appears in a footnote for which the NCB is responsible (4)
4 Apprehensive over bursting into sunsets? (7)
5 Lays out an amount of money for a rockery, maybe (7)
6 Short cut for a group of craftsmen? (4)
7 Potentially the answer to all the world's troubles (9,6)
8 Power to reorganise a helpful shipping line? (3,4)
13 Quick-firing gun for a Scottish territorial detachment (5)
14 Plugs holes in pipes? (5)
15 See 1 down.
16 Burns no more leaves, apparently (4,5)
19 Type of apple fool seen on the stage in "Love's Labour's Lost" (7)
20 Collection of dusters all bundled together (7)
24 Trouble one may have to face on a lid (4)
25 A image I'd see subverted (4)



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Money Matters

Shares improve but volume lower

TEL AVIV. - The share market put in a mildly positive performance yesterday, but the turnover sank to yet lower levels. Index-linked bonds were mixed to lower, and dollar-linked bonds rose.

The share market continues to be a source of depression to all its participants. Whether prices rise or fall by a small amount on a given day is a matter of random occurrence, whether there happen to be a few buying or selling orders on that day. The volume continues to shrink in real terms, and yesterday's figure of less than 15,400 million was low even in nominal terms.

Dollar-wise, the total of \$1.6m. or less was as low as one can imagine. But since that new low is rapidly made to seem relatively high by the subsequent further shrinkage, one is loth to speak in superlatives anymore.

Of the IS398m. that did manage to trade yesterday, the bulk—as usual—was in the "arrangement" shares, although even this "bulk" only amounted to a pathetic IS250m. The remaining IS150m.-odd was traded in the "free" shares.

Fortunately for the inveterate market addicts, even the current low levels of interest provide some daily joy in the form of individual issues rising or falling by large margins. Yesterday, too, several options managed enormous jumps. In some cases, of more than 20 per cent, although these moves were made on a very small amount of money.

Here and there, certain shares tell an individual story, rather than going with the market. One such case is the Wolfman shares, which have been moving up steadily for several weeks now. Yesterday the ISI share added 4.8 per cent, while the ISS share jumped by almost 15 per cent.

There was a spell when these shares went several days in succession without attracting either bids or offers. It would appear that whoever was "collecting" these shares has now dried up the market and is able to push the prices up without interference.

Announcements: H.L.B. Investments told the stock exchange that the reports that it had

Tel Aviv Stock Exchange

By PINHAS LANDAU

sold 9.5 per cent of the shares of the Granit investment company to Koor were inaccurate. The company repeated its earlier statement of July 5 that it is indeed negotiating on this possible sale, and that the negotiations have reached an advanced stage. It denied, emphatically, however, that there were any negotiations with Koor regarding the possible sale of H.L.B. itself.

Lidex, a high-tech company producing laboratory equipment and diagnostic systems, has made a private placement of 10 per cent of its capital to a group of American investors, receiving \$6m. as a result. In addition, the investors will spend a further \$1m. setting up a marketing company, which will have sole rights to Lidex products. Lidex will receive 18 per cent of the shares of this company. The marketing company has undertaken to sell \$1.5m. worth of Lidex products within 12-15 months.

Lidex is 37 per cent owned by the Al-Rov subsidiary, Al-Rov Technologies (1983).

Dankner Investments has published its results for the year ending March 31, 1984. The company made an adjusted profit of IS66.6m., a vast

MARKET STATISTICS

Indices
General share index 1538.9m.
Non-bank index 1512.2m.
Arrangement bank index 1512.2m.
Industrial 1512.2m.
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Turnovers
Shares 15 398.9m.
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3% fully-linked: Rises to 3%
3% linked: Mixed to 1.5%
3% linked: Falls to 3%
Double-option: Rises to 3%
Dollar-linked: Rises to 1%

Most active shares
Leumi 2400 1512.3m. -5
Mizrahi 3700 15 38.6m. n.c.
IDB 9125 15 34.9m. +135

Sharpest moves
Rogovin op. 124 +27 +27.8%
Interpina op. 3400 +9.9%
Alkol op. 107.5 +22 +20.7%
Wolfman 670 +87 +14.9%

improvement over the 1982/3 profit of only IS2.5m.

Bank Mizrahi is giving holders of its series 9 capital notes the opportunity to convert them into shares. This right was only scheduled to be in force in the years 1987-1992, but will be brought forward to a date that will be announced after the necessary agreements have been made.

Making airlines pay for overbooking

By JOSHUA BRILLIANT

Post Aviation Reporter

TEL AVIV. - Passengers who have confirmed reservations on scheduled airlines but are turned back because the plane is full, will be compensated according to regulations the Transport Ministry has drawn up.

The regulations, which will go into effect on January 1, 1985, provide that unless the airline arranges for an alternative flight within a few hours, the passenger will be eligible for between \$75 and \$350 in compensation.

A system of paying stranded passengers has been in operation in the U.S. for several years and is being introduced here because airlines

have a practice of selling tickets to more passengers than they can accommodate.

An El Al source estimated that some ten per cent of the passengers who have confirmed their reservations do not show up for their flight. They are not fined, and to compensate itself El Al has been selling—on the average—up to ten per cent more tickets. The same happens with other carriers, a senior source in a foreign airline confirmed.

The exact figure for overbooking in El Al varies according to the route and the time of the year. Tables indicate to reservations managers how much overbooking they may permit.

However, airlines sometimes simply sell too many tickets and the new regulations are designed to help the passengers stranded in the airport with their luggage. The regulation states that a person who has a confirmed reservation to Europe—but is not taken on board, because of overbooking—should receive that the price of the ticket he has paid. The airline should pay no less than \$75 and up to \$200. It will also have to arrange an alternative flight and provide the passenger with meals and a hotel room, if necessary. Passengers flying to the U.S. who are delayed for more than five hours will be entitled to payments of up to \$350.

Commercial Banks
(not part of "arrangement")

| Bank | Price | Volume | Change | % change |
|---------------|-------|--------|--------|----------|
| Dan | 2200 | 4 | n.c. | |
| OHF | 1020 | 402 | n.c. | |
| Martime 0.1 | 324 | 163 | n.c. | |
| N. American 1 | 1860 | 5 | -8 | -4 |
| N. American 5 | 1305 | 6 | -5 | -4 |
| N. Amer. op. | 2347 | 8 | -8 | -3 |
| Danot 1 | 328 | 76 | -30 | -10.1 |
| Danot 5 | 71 | 11 | +2 | +2.8 |
| Danot sec 2 | 182 | 100 | -10 | -5.5 |
| First Int'l 5 | 370 | 574 | +24 | +6.9 |
| FIBI 0.5 | 380 | 778 | +19 | +5.3 |

Commercial Banks

(part of "arrangement")

| | | | | |
|---------------|-------|------|------|------|
| IDB r | 9125 | 382 | +135 | +1.5 |
| IDB B r | 9500 | 41 | n.c. | - |
| IDB p A | 58000 | - | n.c. | - |
| Union 0.1 | 6801 | 100 | +81 | +1.2 |
| Discount B r | 11560 | - | n.c. | - |
| Discount A r | 11660 | 40 | +20 | +1.9 |
| Discount B cn | 1380 | 4 | -20 | -1.4 |
| Mizrahi r | 3700 | 1044 | n.c. | - |
| Mizrahi b | 3725 | 9 | +35 | +1.0 |

Real Estate, Building

| Bank | Price | Volume | Change | % change |
|----------------|-------|--------|--------|----------|
| Gindis | 366 | 43 | +42 | +9.9 |
| Oren | 195 | 398 | -1 | -0.5 |
| Oren 5 | 7 | 373 | -5 | -6.9 |
| Azornim Prop. | 267 | 378 | -6 | -2.3 |
| Azornim op | 225 | 10 | n.c. | |
| Elion | 65 | n.c. | | |
| Elion op | 46 | 60 | n.c. | |
| El-Rov 1 | 194 | 27 | n.c. | |
| El-Rov 5 | 125 | 30 | n.c. | |
| Amnion | 190 | 122 | n.c. | |
| Amnion op | 139 | n.c. | | |
| Africa Int'l | 1041 | 3 | +26 | +1.4 |
| Africa Int'l 1 | 1848 | n.c. | | |
| Azornim | 157 | 20 | -1 | -10.0 |
| Arledan 0.1 | 882 | 26 | -3 | -3 |
| Arledan 0.5 | 308 | 33 | -5 | -1.7 |
| Ben Yakar 1 | 330 | 20 | -8 | -2.4 |
| Ben Yakar op | 400 | 10 | +5 | +1.3 |
| Baranowitz 1 | 148 | 55 | -1 | -1.0 |
| Baranowitz 5 | 103 | 265 | -8 | -8.4 |
| Dankner | n.c. | n.c. | | |
| Drucker 1 | 159 | 240 | -14 | -9.7 |
| Drucker 5 | 145 | 11 | -5 | -3.3 |
| Danot 0.1 | 710 | 27 | -30 | -4.4 |
| Danot 0.5 | 260 | 18 | -2 | -0.8 |
| Danot op | 650 | n.c. | | |
| H.L.B. 0.1 | 802 | 46 | +5 | +0.6 |
| H.L.B. 0.5 | 274 | 374 | +15 | +5.8 |
| Property Bldg. | 921 | 70 | +5 | +0.6 |
| Bayshore 0.1 | 138 | 18 | n.c. | |
| Bayshore 0.5 | 1045 | 53 | n.c. | |
| ILDC | 1999 | 20 | -1 | -0.1 |
| Isro | 611 | 254 | -4 | -0.7 |
| Isro op | 450 | 13 | +5 | +1.1 |
| Cohen Dev. | 242 | 121 | +22 | +10.0 |
| Cohen Dev. op | 126 | 170 | -14 | -12.5 |
| Clal Real | 157 | 889 | +4 | +0.3 |
| Lumir 1 | 126 | 18 | -14 | -10.0 |
| Lumir 5 | 67 | 47 | +7 | +1.1 |
| Lumir op | 34 | 5.6 | -1 | -1.1 |
| M.T.M. 1 | 3701 | 3 | n.c. | |
| M.T.M. 5 | 91 | 429 | n.c. | |
| Bldg. Res. op | 45 | 788 | n.c. | |
| Modul | 336 | n.c. | | |
| Mishael | 186 | 74 | +17 | +10.1 |
| Menar | 75 | 165 | +4 | +5.8 |
| Menar op | 110 | 95 | +4 | +4.5 |
| Mar-Lex | 700 | 18 | +2 | +0.3 |
| Mar-Lex op | 585 | 10 | n.c. | |
| Levinstein 1 | 663 | 1 | n.c. | |
| Levinstein 5 | 139 | n.c. | | |
| Levinstein op | 280 | 174 | n.c. | |
| Lifshitz 1 | 148 | 206 | n.c. | |
| Lifshitz op | 134 | 43 | -5 | -3.6 |
| Neot-Aviv | 3140 | n.c. | | |
| Azornim Prop. | 267 | 378 | -6 | -2.3 |
| Sahar Hold 1 | 70 | n.c. | | |
| Sahar Hold 5 | 73 | 15 | +4 | +5.5 |
| Sahar 1 | 831 | 12 | +16 | +2.0 |
| Sahar 5 | 300 | 40 | n.c. | |
| Sahar op | 167 | n.c. | | |
| Afar Ve'Sela | 106 | 8 | +5 | +5.5 |
| Prinz | 330 | 29 | n.c. | |
| Caesarea 0.1 | 140 | 44 | n.c. | |
| Caesarea 0.5 | 59 | 151 | +3 | +5.4 |
| Robinson 1 | 805 | 30 | +10 | +1.3 |
| Robinson 5 | 277 | 50 | +1 | +0.4 |
| Rogovin 1 | 399 | 20 | -1 | -0.3 |
| Rogovin 5 | 456 | n.c. | | |
| Rogovin op | 124 | 110 | +27 | +27.8 |
| Rogovin 5 | 60 | 67 | +10 | +17.7 |
| Rasseo 1 | 610 | 67 | +10 | +1.7 |
| Rasseo 5 | 570 | 12 | -10 | -1.7 |

Mortgage Banks

| Bank | Price | Volume | Change | % change |
|-----------------|-------|--------|--------|----------|
| Adanot 1 | 1196 | 3 | +10 | +8 |
| Gen. Mortgage | 1291 | 13 | n.c. | |
| Gen. Mortgage 5 | 1291 | 13 | n.c. | |
| Carmel 1 | 890 | 57 | -10 | -1.1 |
| Carmel deb | 373 | 100 | +10 | +2.8 |
| Binyan | 1400 | 7 | +41 | +3.0 |
| Dev. Mortgage | 400 | 89 | n.c. | |
| Dev. Mortgage 5 | n.c. | n.c. | | |
| Mishkan 1 | 3421 | n.c. | | |
| Independence | 1000 | n.c. | | |
| Tefhot 1 | 1145 | 125 | n.c. | |
| Tefhot 5 | 1050 | 18 | n.c. | |
| Tefhot deb. 1 | 898 | 18 | n.c. | |
| Tefhot deb. 2 | 445 | 394 | -5 | -1.1 |
| Jaysour 1 | 172 | 71 | +3 | +1.8 |
| Jaysour 5 | 133 | 71 | -2 | -1.5 |
| Jaysour op | 98 | 67 | -5 | -5.9 |
| Menar 1 | 320 | 360 | +15 | +4.9 |

Financial Institutions

| Bank | Price | Volume | Change | % change |
|----------------|--------|--------|--------|----------|
| Shilon 1 | 852 | n.c. | | |
| Shilon 5 | 1095 | n.c. | | |
| Agriculture A | 12400 | n.c. | | |
| Agriculture C | 423480 | n.c. | | |
| Leumi Ind | 1147 | 20 | -3 | -0.3 |
| Leumi Ind 5 | 1160 | n.c. | | |
| Ind. Dev. P. | d14833 | n.c. | | |
| Ind. Dev. C | d53226 | n.c. | | |
| Ind. Dev. CC | d35190 | n.c. | | |
| Ind. Dev. CC1 | d56000 | n.c. | | |
| Ind. Dev. CC2 | d21417 | n.c. | | |
| Ind. Dev. DD | d10359 | n.c. | | |
| Contractors | 262 | 37 | +11 | +4.4 |
| Tourism | d25300 | n.c. | | |
| Clal Lease 0.1 | 295 | 8 | n.c. | |
| Clal Lease 0.5 | 200 | 15 | n.c. | |
| Clal Lease deb | 1600 | 80 | -50 | -3.0 |

Insurance

| Company | Price | Volume | Change | % change |
|---------------|-------|--------|--------|----------|
| Aryeh 1 | 539 | 117 | +44 | +8.9 |
| Aryeh 5 | 351 | 33 | -19 | -5.1 |
| Aryeh sub deb | 4650 | 10 | n.c. | |
| Ararat 0.1 | 350 | 11 | +1 | +0.3 |
| Ararat 0.5 | 161 | 50 | +11 | +7.3 |
| Reisur 0.1 | 786 | n.c. | | |
| Reisur 0.5 | 1284 | 8 | n.c. | |
| Hadar 1 | 235 | 20 | +13 | +5.9 |
| Hadar 5 | 70 | 247 | n.c. | |
| Phoenix 0.1 | 950 | 30 | -40 | -4.0 |
| Phoenix 0.5 | 450 | 10 | n.c. | |
| Hamishim 1 | 1100 | n.c. | | |
| Hamishim 5 | 900 | n.c. | | |
| Hamishim op | 1500 | n.c. | | |
| Yardenia 0.1 | 260 | b.o.1 | +12 | +4.8 |
| Yardenia 0.5 | 118 | 10 | n.c. | |
| Yardenia op 2 | 115 | n.c. | | |
| Menorah 1 | 2751 | n.c. | | |
| Menorah 5 | 436 | 25 | +130 | +30.2 |
| Sahar 1 | 650 | n.c. | | |
| Sahar 5 | 391 | 203 | n.c. | |
| Zur 1 | 531 | 26 | -20 | -3.6 |
| Zion Hold. 1 | 310 | n.c. | | |
| Zion Hold. 5 | 165 | 20 | +10 | +6.5 |

Trade & Services

| Company | Price | Volume | Change | % change |
|----------------|-------|--------|--------|----------|
| Trade | 280 | 90 | -13 | -4.4 |
| Inter-Gamma 1 | 143 | 180 | n.c. | |
| Inter-Gamma 5 | 60 | 25 | +14 | +23.9 |
| Inter-Gam. op | 705 | 20 | +20 | +2.9 |
| Meir Extra | 357 | 35 | +32 | +9.9 |
| Meir Extra op | 162 | 128 | +1 | +0.6 |
| Teta 1 | 138 | 41 | n.c. | |
| Teta op | 57 | 352 | +7 | +14.0 |
| Clal Trade | 341 | 354 | -10 | -2.9 |
| Clal Trade op | 428 | 383 | -40 | -8.6 |
| Crysal 1 | 201 | 22 | -3 | -1.5 |
| Lighterage 0.5 | 226 | 2 | +10 | +4.4 |
| Rapac 0.5 | 485 | 53 | n.c. | |
| Supersol 2 | 1500 | n.c. | | |
| Supersol B 10 | 775 | 150 | n.c. | |
| Supersol C | 1015 | 74 | +25 | +2.5 |

Services

| Company | Price | Volume | Change | % change |
|----------------|-------|--------|--------|----------|
| Delek 1 | 2130 | 79 | +40 | +1.9 |
| Delek 5 | 900 | 10 | +35 | +4.1 |
| Harel 1 | 780 | 2 | +30 | +4.0 |
| Harel 5 | 915 | 170 | -15 | -1.7 |
| Lighterage 0.1 | 325 | 308 | -30 | -9.2 |
| Lighterage 0.5 | 308 | 30 | -2 | -0.6 |
| Cold Store 0.1 | 8450 | n.c. | | |
| Cold Store 1 | 624 | 33 | -69 | -10.0 |
| Israel Elec. 1 | 69 | 10 | +10 | +15.7 |
| Israel Elec. 5 | 436 | 80 | n.c. | |
| Bond Ware op | 279 | 30 | n.c. | |
| Consort Hold 1 | 304 | 16 | n.c. | |
| Consort Hold 5 | 171 | 296 | -11 | -6.0 |
| Consort op A | 211 | 33 | -8 | -3.8 |
| Kopel 1 | 378 | 85 | -10 | -2.6 |
| Kopel op | 174 | n.c. | | |

Hotels, Tourism

| Company | Price | Volume | Change | % change |
|---------------|-------|--------|--------|----------|
| Galei Zohar 1 | 849 | 21 | n.c. | |
| Galei Zohar 5 | 436 | 2 | n.c. | |

Don Hotels

| Hotel | Price | Volume | Change | % change |
|--------------|-------|--------|--------|----------|
| Don Hotel 1 | 1295 | 51 | n.c. | |
| Don Hotel 5 | 585 | 18 | -15 | -1.7 |
| Corral Beach | 518 | 64 | -29 | -5.0 |
| Kenes | 355 | 9 | -3 | -1.0 |
| Yarden Hotel | 126 | 35 | -20 | -15.7 |
| Yahalom | 101 | 165 | -5 | -4.8 |
| Yahalom op | 107 | n.c. | | |

Computers

| Company | Price | Volume | Change | % change |
|---------------|-------|--------|--------|----------|
| Data | 215 | 32 | n.c. | |
| Hilon 1 | 615 | 100 | n.c. | |
| Hilon 5 | 1018 | 10 | -10 | -1.0 |
| Yahone | 301 | 9 | -5 | -1.6 |
| Chal Comp. | 459 | 11 | -1 | -0.2 |
| Chal Comp. op | 303 | n.c. | | |
| M.L.L. 1 | 960 | 3 | n.c. | |
| M.L.L. 5 | 310 | n.c. | | |
| M.L.L. op | 220 | 5 | -4 | -1.8 |
| Nikus 1 | 261 | 40 | -36 | -9.1 |
| Nikus 5 | 221 | 51 | -8 | -3.5 |
| Nikus op | 160 | n.c. | | |
| Team 1 | 1152 | n.c. | | |
| Team op | 670 | n.c. | | |

| Real Estate, Building | | | | |
|-----------------------|------|-----|------|------|
| Gindi 1 | 466 | 43 | +42 | +9.9 |
| Gindi 5 | 335 | 270 | +3 | +7.9 |
| Oren | 195 | 398 | +1 | +8.8 |
| Oren 5 | 27 | 263 | +5 | +6.9 |
| Azorim Prop. | 267 | 378 | +6 | +2.3 |
| Azorim opE | 236 | - | n.e. | - |
| Eilon | 65 | - | -1 | -1.5 |
| Eilon op | 46 | 60 | n.e. | - |
| El-Rov 1 | 150 | 17 | n.e. | - |
| El-Rov 5 | 123 | 2 | n.e. | - |
| Amnonim | 191 | 112 | n.e. | - |
| Amnonim op | 139 | - | - | - |
| Africa Ist. 01 | 1901 | 3 | +26 | +1.4 |
| Africa Ist. 11 | 1848 | - | - | - |

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Media event

THE EAGERLY shared television debate between Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir and Labour leader Shimon Peres turned out to be a disappointment. But it was not really the fault of the two contenders. The fault lies largely with the format of what was a TV "show" and not a debate.

This format prevents rather than promotes serious debate. Not even a virtuoso in condensation could compress serious criticism of an opponent with exposition of his own programme into the brief time slots that were allotted to the two contenders.

The basic fault lies with the law that bars showing Knesset candidates on regular TV broadcasts. This law banishes candidates to the "exile" of the election advertising programme - including the debate between the prime minister and the leader of the opposition.

The law was well-intentioned. It was meant to defend the democratic process against possible abuse by an incumbent government which could "make news" and thus seize inordinate radio and television time. In practice, however, the law has become an obstacle to the democratic process which can only thrive on serious debate. It forces all election broadcasting into a straitjacket of strict time limits and superficiality.

In these circumstances, the only role Tuesday's debate could fulfil was to create a media event that would produce still more media events in the form of meaningless polls and press statements about itself.

The conclusion that must be drawn is that the present election broadcasting law is in urgent need of overhaul if future election campaigns are not to deteriorate even more.

When the present law was passed, the Knesset did not foresee the overwhelming importance of television in election campaigns. It is, therefore, necessary to devise a new mechanism which will permit TV and radio to carry on their important informative function during campaigns, while not becoming propaganda tools for those in power.

Such a mechanism could turn out to be more cumbersome than the present simple and straightforward banning of all politicians from the screen. But if serious debate and intelligent discourse - which are the very heart of democracy - are not to be excised from the electronic media of communication, a reform must be carried out.

It is not difficult to imagine how much more serious the present election campaign might have been if, instead of answering set questions and barely addressing each other, Mr. Shamir and Mr. Peres - possibly together with other political leaders - would have faced each other in a discussion that would have given both enough time and a framework in which their criticism might have been searching and the exposition of their own platform might have gone beyond slogans and catchwords.

Confined as they were by the rules of the "game" as moderator Dan Patir aptly termed the debate, both Mr. Peres and Mr. Shamir pursued their well-trod and familiar paths. Mr. Peres refrained from spelling out a specific programme, though he pointed out rightly, that the opposition can only be judged by its purposes, while the government must be measured by its record.

And Mr. Shamir, for his part, portrayed the Likud record with blissful disregard for the deep crisis which it has brought upon the nation. All that is needed to maintain the beautiful Israel that was built from scratch in the last seven years is, according to Mr. Shamir, to return the Likud and its partners to power. Then, supposedly, the national crisis will disappear by itself, although all the factors that caused it will remain intact.

READERS' LETTERS

REWRITING HISTORY

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, - As an American-born and American-educated Israeli, I greatly wondered about the ages and literacy in American history of Rabbi Avner Weiss and Rabbi Dov Aharoni Fisch, who were quoted at great length in *The Jerusalem Post's* highly inflammatory article of June 15, "Friends in need," by Walter Ruby. They certainly have no comprehension of what Martin Luther King's civil rights movement of the 50s and 60s was about if they compare it to the "rights" of the settlers in Samaria and Judea. Indeed, the latter seem to resemble much more closely the many anonymous military and governmental bureaucrats of the United States in the late 1800s who chased the indigenous Indians off lands claimed by the U.S. government as part of their "manifest destiny" dream.

I abhor the rewriting of history, whether done by non-Jews with their "new perspectives" on the Holocaust, or by Jewish religious zealots with their ultra-nationalistic interpretations of the Torah. I am embar-

assed and appalled that any American raised in the ambience of democracy of that country could possibly utter such anti-democratic rubbish as I have read in the past few weeks. I, too, in my 15 years in Israel have suffered losses to Arab fanaticism, but I find the anti-democratic aura of the philosophy of the Jewish terror group and of Herut both frightening and personally threatening to my self-image as a Jew.

One further note, to Rabbi Fisch. My husband and I are Jews. Supposing we want to visit our friends in Ramot on Shabbat and Jewish fanatics throw rocks at our (Jewish) car. In that case, does my husband have a moral and ethical right to open fire on Jews who are, in fact, endangering the lives of his wife, three young children and himself? Is there a different justice and morality for Jewish rock-throwers and Arab rock-throwers? Not to the injured or dead, methinks.

JUDY KNOPP

Beersheba.

EXCELLENT INTERVIEW

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, - Congratulations on the Edward Grossman interview with Siniavsky in your issue of June 8. For all its seeming simplicity, it was a most subtle and comprehensive interview: the only one I've ever seen that shows the reader how intelligent, even sensible Siniavsky is.

I was particularly amused by a small point, which may well show one of Grossman's foibles - where he asks Siniavsky whether he has a "fellow" feeling for dissidents in

Western countries. As though being a "dissident" in France, America, Israel, etc. can be compared with the situation in Russia!

That I thought more or less side-splitting.

But, of course, trendy. In any case, this interview puts another feather in Grossman's cap: he's surely one of your stars.

JOEL CARMICHAEL,
Editor,
Midstream

New York.

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THE AFTERMATH of defeat invariably raises searching enquiries into its causes. Remember Dunkirk? The fall of France? The aborted American air rescue operation in the Iranian desert? All were followed by official and unofficial investigations.

Jewish history is no exception. In modern times, the events of the first few days of the Yom Kippur War produced a voluminous literature, including a report by an official government commission of enquiry. Why did it happen? What went wrong? Today there is an increasing interest in knowing more of the real factors involved in the war in Lebanon.

A similar investigative process is found in ancient rabbinic literature, except that the rabbinic philosophy of Jewish history produced very simplistic answers. God was behind the entire record of Israel's story, the victories and the defeats. When Israel prevailed it was thanks to God. So, on Purim and Hanukkah we proclaim *Al hanisim*, giving thanks to God for the miracles which He performed for His people. When Israel was defeated, it was because the people had sinned against God and His laws.

Thus, to the questions, "Why the exile? Why the persecution?" our liturgy provides the classical answer *Uminne hataenu galinu meartzenu*, it is because of our sins that we were exiled from our Land.

Sometimes, however, the rabbis searched more deeply into the questions involved, especially when they discussed the causes of the destruction of the First and Second Temples. They suggested that the First Temple was destroyed because of Israel's guilt in idol worship, sexual immorality and murder - the three most heinous offences.

With regard to the destruction of the Second Temple, the rabbis had a more difficult time because the period of the Second Temple was, generally speaking, a time of relative innocence of those serious sins. Nevertheless, we are given a number of thought-provoking answers to the question of why the Second Temple was destroyed.

One observation frequently emphasized in the literature is that the destruction was due to the internecine strife which fragmented the community into rival camps. That sin, they said, was equal in its gravity to the three big sins which the people committed during the period of the First Temple (Tal. Yoma, 9b).

However, while such a rabbinic insight may give us a glimpse into the social conditions and inner weaknesses of the community, it can hardly be accepted as serious historical

comment. The rabbis were essentially religious teachers who interpreted Jewish life from the single perspective of religious and moral law, and the loyalty of the people to that law. They were not historians.

The only substantial and reliable historical source is the work of Josephus, who was himself a leader of the Jewish revolt against Rome until he defected to the enemy and retired to Rome where he wrote his monumental *Wars of the Jews* and *Antiquities of the Jews*.

In spite of the prejudice which creeps into his account of the war against Rome, he is still the only authoritative historian of the period. If we were able to ask him the question the rabbis discussed, "Why was the Temple destroyed?" he would give the clear answer: "Because of the fanaticism of the Zealots."

BY THE TIME the Jewish revolt against Rome broke out in all seriousness, Roman power was invincible. The armies of Rome had conquered almost the entire known world. Roman authority extended from Britain in the north to the Sahara in the south; from the Atlantic in the west to the Black Sea in the east. Nations from all over the world filled the Roman coffers with tributes of gold and silver. No foreign army, however large or powerful, was able to stand up to the military might of Rome. Close to home, the Romans called the Mediterranean Sea *Mare Nostrum*, our sea.

It needs little imagination to recognize that, of all the nations, tiny Judea was the least likely to be able to fight Rome with any hope of success. Small, unarmed, strife-ridden and poor - what could the Jews hope to achieve where much bigger and stronger nations of Europe and Africa had failed? But the Jews had the Zealots. And that made a big difference.

The Zealots were organized by Judah of Galilee in 6 BCE when

Rome incorporated the Jewish state. Soon after, the Emperor Augustus ordered a census for the purpose of taxation. While the High Priest counselled submission so long as the religious life of the people remained undisturbed, Judah urged resistance and led his party of Zealots to reject the Roman demands and to harass them.

The Zealots proclaimed two clear principles: First, only God was master of the Jews. Second, it was tantamount to rebellion against God's teaching to provide the Romans with any part of the country's yield, since the land and its harvests were promised to the Jews by God.

Judah of Galilee was probably executed by the Romans, but the leadership continued in the control of his family. A son, Menahem, conquered the fort of Masada in the year 66, and a descendant, Eleazar ben Yair, led the desperate band of 1,000 Jews in their subsequent futile struggle against Rome after the destruction of the Temple in the year 70.

It is clear that Josephus does not sympathize with the Zealots. In fact he is reluctant to designate them by that name, since the term also has a heroic connotation. After all, Phineas, Aaron's son, was called a zealot in the cause of God and His law, and he wins at least some kind of praise in the Bible and from some of the rabbis. To be motivated by zeal for God, Torah and Israel can be a commendable quality.

So, in his opposition to them, Josephus frequently refers to the Zealots of the Second Temple period as *securi*, dagger men. This is a distinctly pejorative term, the equivalent of "ruthless terrorists," and it better fits his view of these extremists "who were not zealous in the cause of virtue" but rather for "vice in the basest and most extravagant form" (*Wars*, 4:161; 7:268-270).

However, in spite of his dislike of the Zealots, Josephus does acknow-

ledge their extraordinary courage and their acceptance of suffering for a cause which they consider righteous. He even recognizes their passion for liberty "which is almost unconquerable," and grants that their source of strength is their conviction that God alone is their leader and master (*Antiquities*, 18:23-25).

But Josephus is also a realist and he understands that, given the supreme military might of Rome, the destruction of the Jewish state and the Temple is inevitable. He recognizes that as an historical certainty which no zealotry or national fanaticism could overcome. On the contrary, the extremism and fanaticism of the Zealots could only bring greater suffering and tragedy to the nation by drawing the full military power of Rome against defences and tiny Judea.

In blaming the Zealots for their futile struggle, he also blames them, by clear implication, for the chain of events which led to the destruction of the Temple, the downfall of Jerusalem and the massive slaughter of the Jews (*Antiquities*, 18:1-10).

SO MUCH for history. At this point conjecture can be introduced. What would have happened had the peace party prevailed over the headstrong Zealots? What would have happened, say, had Rabbi Yohanan ben Zakkai and his conciliatory approach been the dominant political drive of the day? As it was, by his intercession with Vespasian, Yohanan ensured the survival of Judaism. Had the policies of the peace party been followed, could the Temple have survived, at least for some years? Would the Jewish state have been spared, at least without religious persecution?

From conjecture about the past one is led to consideration of the present. If Josephus was right and it was the Zealots who were chiefly responsible for the national disasters of their time, is it possible that the

same desperate spirit of extremism and pseudomessianic fanaticism which exists today among certain elements in modern Israel could be the main cause of future tragedy? Is it fair to ask whether modern zealots such as the Temple Mount fanatics, Kach extremists, Gush Emunim militants and Jewish underground activists could lead a gullible public into an emotional and aggressive nationalism and its corollary permanent armed conflict, with an erosion of Jewish moral values and even Jewish physical disaster?

Of course, conditions are entirely different. Then, Rome was the strongest power in the world, Judea was the weakest, and there was absolutely no chance that the Jews could defeat Rome. Today, Israel is strong and, while its immediate enemies are not really weak, they can nevertheless be deterred from doing significant physical harm to Israel.

But by the same token one can argue that conditions are completely different in other aspects also. In ancient times, the power of the sword alone could keep a defeated nation under subjection, at least until a sharper sword wielded by another nation defeated the former power. In modern times, however, with the possible exception of the two superpowers, it is no longer within the ability of one nation to dominate another indefinitely. Instant communication and modern travel have made the world a smaller place than it was, so that what happens in one country is immediately known and affects many countries.

It has been said that peace is indivisible. So is war. That is why, in the long run, the world may not absorb or even tolerate the harsh realities of an Arab-Israeli conflict with its time-bomb set to blow up the whole Middle East, and then possibly the world. That is why a peaceful solution, with its implications of compromise on all sides, has to be actively and sincerely pursued. Reasonable people will agree.

But Zealotry derives from a different set of values, far removed from reason and compromise. Zealotry has no room for doubt and is motivated by a burning passion for a single point of view. Zealotry generates hot power. But, like an overheated boiler, it can explode, with horrific consequences for everyone.

Perhaps a straight line can be drawn from the Zealots in the period of the war against Rome to their counterparts in modern Israel.

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In pursuit of justice

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Judea and Samaria because of their opposition to Israel's retention of the area?

The reality is that Judea and Samaria have not been officially incorporated into Israel and are not under Israeli law. Judea and Samaria are considered by the government to be administered territory under military rule. As such, law and order is not as certain in Judea and Samaria as it is elsewhere, and events in that area, such as the attack on the mayors, should be judged in that context.

IF THE GOVERNMENT of Israel was unable to adequately protect its citizens in Judea and Samaria, under what conditions would those living in the area have the right to defend themselves? The signatories to the ad stated that "focused action against those directly or indirectly responsible for the maiming and death of Jews, in order to prevent them from inciting further violence is understandable."

While an exhaustive analysis of the *rodef* principle is beyond the scope of this article, a working definition is in order.

Basing himself on classical talmudic and halachic sources, Dr. Dov Frimer, professor of Jewish law and criminal law at Touro College School of Law in New York, explained *rodef* as follows: "It would be permissible to kill a person in self-defence or defence of others if: 1) the person to be killed is engaged in wrongful conduct...for which the person is legally culpable; 2) killing the person will save (and is the only available way to save) the victim from serious and irreparable harm (e.g., death or grievous bodily harm) resulting from the wrongful conduct."

"At the heart of the right of self-defence is, of course, the rescue factor. By slaying the aggressor, we save the life of the victim. However, that element alone is insufficient...We must demand that the conduct of the pursuer be wrongful and illegal. It is the wrongful quality which tips the scale in favour of the pursued. In the balance of interests between the illegal aggressor and the innocent victim, Torah society unhesitatingly opts for protecting the life interests of the latter" (*Or Hamitzrach*, Apr-July 1983, p.330).

Whether the attacks on the mayors fall within the parameters of *rodef* is a subject for the courts to ultimately decide. (Available information, however, indicates that this may very well be the case.)

As noted above, the mayors were the central leaders of the PLO's front group, the NGC, which preached, allegedly coordinated and continued to plan terror, violence and murder of Jews while urging the dismantling of the Jewish state.

If it is so, then the mayors' conduct would constitute a wrongful act which would fall within the ambit

of *rodef* in Jewish tradition and make the right of self-defence operative.

IN PUBLIC STATEMENTS, the mayors continuously stirred up anti-Israel hatred. Mayor Bassam Shaka'a of Shechem, for example, made the following statements:

"Only the PLO can speak for us" (*Ma'ariv*, March 4, 1979). Commenting on the terrorist attack on an Israeli bus on the Hafia-Tel Aviv road, Shaka'a said: "I absolutely identify with the slaughter that took place on the coastal highway. Burning a child is perhaps too much, but the action was proper" (*Ma'ariv*, November 7, 1979). In an interview with a Beirut newspaper, he said:

"Through armed struggle, our goal to liberate Palestine will be achieved" (quoted in *Ma'ariv*, November 15, 1979).

Hebron Mayor Fahd Kawasme proclaimed: "We must call for a civilian rebellion. Great imperialistic powers like the British and the Nazis rose and fell. This, too, will be the lot of the ugly conquering Zionists" (*Ma'ariv*, March 24, 1979). In a later statement, Kawasme added: "We, the Palestinians, have time and patience. We have nothing to lose as we have already soiled our feet in mud. We shall wait until we have the power..." (*Ma'ariv*, May 11, 1979).

Mayor Karim Khalaf, of Ramallah, at a rally in Shechem on November 7, 1979, maintained this invective, reading a poem which urged Arabs to return to Jerusalem, Jaffa and Haifa. In his book, *Triangle on the Jordan* (p. 51), Pinchas Inbar describes this incident as "bordering on a call for revolt with rifle in hand."

The anti-Jewish sentiment instigated by the mayors reached its crescendo on May 2, 1980, when six Jewish students were gunned down as they entered Beit Hadassah in Hebron. Reacting to the student massacre, Sheikh Tamimi, the Kadi in Hebron, said: "We cannot lose hope. The day will come when the Palestinian flag will fly over Jaffa, Haifa and Acre. Zionists are fascists. The Palestinian people will one day be in control of all of Palestine."

Binyamin Ben-Eliezer, the Israeli army officer in command of Judea and Samaria at the time of the attack, said: "The terrorists came from Hebron, or were aided by people in the area...all this has convinced me that the public statements by the mayors created in Hebron an atmosphere that made this horrible act possible."

AFTER THE hostile statements by the mayors, followed by the massacre of the Jewish students, the settlers, convinced that future attacks were being planned, sought help from the Israeli government.

In an interview soon to be published in the 1984 July-August edition of *Counterpoint* (a nationalistic monthly newspaper published in the U.S.), one of the accused is reported as saying: "After the Hebron murders, we pleaded for help from Chief of Staff Ratzel Eitan, who brought in Ezer Weizman. Weizman's attitude

of, 'If you weren't here it wouldn't have happened,' left us feeling helpless."

To many of the settlers, it had become clear that they were not going to receive adequate protection from the government.

On June 2, 1980, on precisely the last day of the 30-day mourning period for the six students, the coordinated attacks on the mayors took place. Whether or not the attackers used the minimal force necessary to stop the mayors, as is required by the law of *rodef*, is yet to be determined. In the same July-August interview in *Counterpoint*, one of the accused states: "Our objective was to injure, not to kill; therefore, we used small quantities of explosives. If we killed them, they would have become super-martyrs. Alive they serve as an example to future instigators of anti-Jewish terror."

Alternatively, the attackers may have concluded that the mayors could be stopped without killing them. Subsequent to the attack, the NGC was declared illegal by the government and calm returned to the area.

WHILE THE ATTACKS on the mayors were not sanctioned by the state and thus must be considered illegal, they may be morally justifiable. It is essential to determine the role of the mayors in the killing of the six students in Hebron and in the planning of subsequent violent actions.

If the mayors were the pursuers and the accused settlers were defending themselves from future harm - and if protection was not being provided by the government - then under the principle of *rodef* the accused are guilty of no moral crime. This is the precise position taken by the 25 rabbis who spoke out in their defence.

Our appeal to the government of Israel stands as we stated it in our ad: "We appeal to the government of Israel to recognize that, if those recently imprisoned were retaliating against individuals directly or indirectly responsible for maiming or murdering Jews and the continued instigation of further terror against Jews, then the accused are guilty of no moral crime. They were defending the right of their families to live in peace and security on their land."

Such settlers are not Jewish terrorists or traitors as they have been labelled in the media and in certain government circles. Their alleged actions were focused, the intention to strengthen rather than weaken the state; they are idealists and great lovers of Zion whose lives are inextricably bound with the people, land, government and Torah of Israel. Believing they were pursued by violence, they could have been left with no choice but to pursue justice.

At a bare minimum, they should not be judged before trial. *Tzedek, tzedek, adraf* - Justice, justice shall thou pursue, the Torah commands. Their pursuit for a "just hearing" from the government, media and general public, goes on.

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